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This volume contains the letters received at Fort St. George during the years 1744–45 and is the twenty-ninth in the series of records known as "Letters to Fort St. George." Some of the letters at the beginning and near the end are lost. Unfortunately these gaps could not be filled in as the India Office does not possess copies of the missing letters.

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EGMORE,
21st July 1932.

P. MACQUEEN,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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The Charmant & Fleury are still at Mihie but the former will soon be filled up with Pepper and sail, there is likewise a small Ship lying there which came from Your side.

As yet We have no Advice of any ships from Your side being on the Coast.

We are with respect
HON'BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
15TH. DECEMBER 1744.

JOHN GEEKIE.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.
JOHN BRANDLING.
THOMAS BYFELD.
NICHOLAS STONESTREET.
JOHN ROBINSON.

N°. 3

TO M[R]. MORSE GOVERNOUR OF THE CITY AND FORT S[T]. GEORGE & TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT MADRASS
SIR & SIRS

It is Altogather in Vain that We here have Endeavoured to Maintain a good Union and Intelligence in the Commerce of our two Companys Since You have been the first that have Committed Hostilities.

We have Just now been Apprized of the Capture of our Company's Ship Favory in the road of Boutrian on the Coast of Achin by Your Ships Medway Captain Peyton & the Dolphin Ca[ptain] Moore, We don't Speak of this Affair, but to set our right with our Superiors and in Conformity to their Or[ders] by reclaiming the Ship Favory with all belonging to her when she was taken as well the Captain Monsuer Deschenays Gibert as all others that are detained prisoners, We desire you Gentlemen to give us a positive Answer Whether not only this Ships but all such as shall have been taken before we became Aggressors against you, shall not be restored.

On Your Answer depends the good Harmony which we have Continued with pleasure and have given Orders should be Mantain'd in all places dependant on our Nation.

We have the Honour to be with Respect &c[a].
SIR & SIRS
Your most humble & Obedient Servants

PONDICHERRY
11TH JANUARY 1745.

DUPLEIX.
DUPREMENI.
MIRAN.
DU LAURENS.
... BARTHELEMY.
... LEGOU.
GUILLARD.
... LE MAIRE.

[*Letters 4, 5 & 6 are missing in the original*]

N°. 7

To the Hon'ble Nicholas Morse Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{T}.
Council of Fort S^{T}. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

While Our Annual Letter &c^{a}. Papers were a Copying we received Your Honour &c$^{a's}$ Favour advising of the Morattas Advancing towards these Provinces on which we sent for the Merchants into Council & told them of what your Honour &c^{a}. Advised of, to which they alledged that their Ballances in general were very low to the end of last Month, and that as nothing had been advanced them this, it wou'd be of the utmost ill Consequences not only to the Present and ensuing Investment, but likewise to their Ballances which are now standing out to put a stop to the sending of any Supplys immediately. We told them that we had Acquainted them of the Danger & that if they took any it must be entirely at their own Risque, which after we had made them entirely sensible of we thought it for our Honble Masters Interest to advance them as follows.

Andeapah Moodellaire Five thousand 5000 Pag^{s}. Ireshapah Chitty Two thousand 2000 Pag^{s}. & Narrain Chitty One thousand 1000 Pagodas which we hope will meet with Your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. Approbation.

We are with Respect
Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

Fort S^{T}. David
8TH January 1744/5.

John Hinde
&c^{t}. Council.

N°. 8

To the Hon'ble Nicholas Morse Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}.
Council of Fort S^{T}. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

With this we Send Your Honour &c^{a}. our Accounts of Expences for November, Consultations, Warehousekeepers Account of Cloth brought in & Cash Account for last Month. The Ballance of which is Fourteen thousand Eight hundred & Seventy three Pag^{s}. thirteen fanams and seventy five Cash 14873.13.75.

Our Bale Screws having been again Examined are found so bad that they can't possibly hold out till we can receive New Ones from Europe & the People that made these having undertaken to make New Ones, We have accordingly set them to work, which we mention to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that you may not write for any on our Account.

Enclosed is our Storekeepers Indent for Stores wanting for the use of this Settlement.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

Fort S^{T}. David
9TH January 1744/5.

List of Cloth on Hand

At the Washers	...	337
Beaters	...	66
Embaled	...	734
Bales	...	1137

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING AT FORT S^T^. DAVID

Iron flatt barr thick & Broad	...	4 Candy
Bengall Oil	...	5 Jarrs
Nails $1\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	10 M^d^.	
$2\frac{1}{2}$	5	
3	5	
	—	1 Candy
Stock Locks A 6, B 6	...	12
Square Files of 2 & 3 foot long	...	12
D^o^. D^o^. Small	...	12
Screw Plate Large 1, small 1	...	2
Sea Coal	...	50 bags
Large Brass Wyre	...	2 M^d^.
Europe Tar	...	12 Barrels
Tin Lanthorns	...	24
Lanthorn Horns	...	50
Chalk	...	2 bags
Europe pistol powder	...	2 Candy
Flints	...	10000
Cartridge paper	...	500 quires

The remains of the quantity of Powder last indented for.

WILLIAM HOLT
Storekeeper.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
7TH. JANUARY 1744/5.

N°. 9

TO THE HON'BLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^T^.
COUNCIL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRS

Since ours of the 29th. September last We have been favoured with Your Honour &c^a^. of the 18th. of that Month & 12th. & 17th. of October, with the Duplicates of the former to which we now Reply.

Agreeable to Your Honour &c^a^. request with Respect to the Princess Augusta, and of Supply^g^. the Gentlemen at Bencoolen with such Stores as were in our power, on Receipt of Your favour of the 18th. Sept^r^., we opened the Packet directed to you from thence, and the Lapwing not being then sailed We put on board her such of the stores mentioned in their Indent as she Could take in, as also what Stores they mention'd in their to us, with the quantity of Gunpowder you desired to be sent thither, the List of all which comes enclosed and she was dispatch'd to Bencoolen on the 5th. Instant.

The Scarcity of Rice Still Continuing here We Find little or no Advantage will accrue to your Honour &c^a^. by sending her to you with that article, and not expecting a sufficient quantity of Salt Petre in any Reasonable time to Lade on board the Durrington & Beaufort as a Stock for Your Presidency for the ensuing Season, We have come to a Determination of Keeping that Ship to Carry up the Necessary supply to fill her up with Patcharree Rice for the use of Bencoolen being informed that Article is much wanted there and the new Crop here beginning to Come in.

We Observe that your honour &c^a^. had placed Tappey peons for the better intelligence between Your Settlement and this on the Road as far as Ganjam, We sent the like directions to the Resident at Ballasore, who has Since Advised us of his having put the same in Execution.

On the 1st. December our Honourable Masters Ship Godolphin Capt. John Stevens Arrived here, she touch'd at Bencoolen in her Passage, by her We received two packets directed to your Honour &c^a^. One from the Honble Company, and the other from the Gentlemen at Bencoolen likewise another from the Secret Committee which with the Box packet Receiv'd ℔ Princess Augusta We now forward to your Honour &c^a^.

The great want of small Arms for our own use at this Settlement prevents our Supply^{s}. the Chief and Council at Anjengo with any.

We are greatly obliged to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}., for the Advice you give us of the French Ships from Pondicherry.

The Wager as yet We have no News of the Godolphin brought no Stores for your Settlement and should there be any by the former We shall have Regard to your Honour &c^{a}. request for sending them as Early as possible.

We have had the like advices with your Honour &c^{a}. as mentioned in your favour of the 17th. Octr. from the Hon'ble the President & Council at Bombay, and in Consequence thereof we resolved to send three ships to Tellicherry to fill up with Pepper Lading on board them their Kentlage tonnage Salt Petre and Redwood, and they were Accordingly dispatch'd thither vizt. the S^{t}. George Captain Robinson, & the Winchester Capt. Samson, on the 9th. Instant, and the Prince William, Captain Langworth on the 25th. Instant, the Swiftsnow was dispatched hence on the 8th. November, and the Montague for Bombay the 24th. November.

In Our Honble Masters Commands by the Godolphin they direct us to send to Your Presidency upon their Account five hundred peices of Baftaes more than before ordered in the List of Investment they being to be printed, these we have Ordered to be provided, and shall on our Receiving them from Jugdea send them to your Honour &c^{a}. by the first Conveyance.

In ours of the 12th. September We advised Your Honour &c^{a}. that We should transmitt you our sentiments in regard to the Copper by the ships in December We have been able to make but very inconsiderable Sales of this Article Since, what has been disposed of sold at the following Prices which was not more than about 500 Maunds Viz^{t}.

		Crs.
Copper Round Cakes from	...	43·12 ⅌ Md. to 48 C^{s}.
Rose	...	43· 8 } this being put up on the Established
fine for brass	...	43· 8 }

terms a deduction of nine ⅌ Cent must be made to such of the purchasers who clear their Lotts out in six months, and to those who clear their Lotts in twelve months A Deduction of [six] ⅌ Cent only We have now remaining in our Warehouse

Copper for Battery	... ...	3590 Maunds		
Ditto for Brass ...	... ...	2791		
Ditto D^{o}. fine ...	... ...	3673		
		——	10054	— — besides

this there is Arrived on the Godolphin Viz^{t}.

		Tons.	Cwt.	Q^{r}.	lb.			
Copper for Battery	... ...	26	4	1	15			
Ditto for Brass	... ...	34	8	2	18½			
& Expected by the Wager	...	54	16	1	24			
							M^{ds}.	q^{r}.
		Tons 115	9	2	1½	or	3463	30

which We apprehend will be a very heavy Article, several of the buyers having been loosers by their former purchases & have large Remains on their hands The Common Sort of Copper for Battery and that for Brass were put up at twenty ⅌ Cent advance allowing the Customary discount, but there was no bidders for these Sortments, we shall make a further tryal thereof very shortly but do not Expect any tolerable Success, after which We shall advise Your Honour &c^{a}. the needfull on this subject for Your Guidance in regard to what may be sent out to this Presidency next Year should the Wager in the Interim arrive with your Honour &c^{a}. We are to request you will take out all the Copper consigned us by her and dispose thereof.

This waits on your Honour &c^{a}. by the Beaufort Capt. Thomas Stevens & Durrington Captain Richard Crabb, We are sorry We have been obliged to detain them so late, but this has been owing to the disappointment we have met with in our Salt Petre's not Arriving so early as Expected, which has occasioned by the Stoppage of our Business Account the troubles with the Government, and the Quantitys we

were obliged to send on our Hon'ble Masters Ships to the Mallabar Coast and Bombay, We have met with the like disappointments in regard to our peice Goods Contracted for here as well as at the Subordinate factories.

On the Beaufort We have Laden Sundry Goods & Merchandize for Europe and Consigned to our Honble Masters as ℔ Abstract of her Invoice enclosed amounting to Current Rupees 302000.

On the Durrington We have laden Sundry Goods & Merchandize for Europe and consigned to our Honble Masters as ℔ abstract of her Invoice enclosed Amounting to Current Rupees 304600.

We have likewise Laden on board them Sundry Goods and Stores for the use of Your Honour &c^a^. Settlement as ℔ Bills of Lading and Invoices enclosed in their Respective packets.

The manifests of private trade Laden by each of the Captains on these Ships to Europe We also send enclosed to be Compleated at Your Settlement with such other Necessary papers as Relate to these Ships.

We have Acquainted these Captains to Compleat their full Compliments of Men here for the Reasons Your Honour &c^a^. mention.

M^r^. William Mackett who dispatches these ships will send Your Honour &c^a^. their Draught of Water at that time.

We wish them Safe to your Honour &c^a^. and are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
31ST. DECEMBER 1744.

THOMAS BRADDYLL.
JOHN FORSTER.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
WILLIAM BROOKE.
JOHN JACKSON.
THOMAS FEAKE.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT S^T^. GEORGE ℔ SHIP DURRINGTON.

N°. 1. General Letter to the Honble President &c^a^. Council at Fort S^t^. George dated 31st. December 1744.
2. Invoice of Ship Durrington Amounting to C.R^s^. 805. —. —.
3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
4. Second Bill of Lading ℔ Ship Beaufort.
5. Abstract of Ship Durringtons Invoice to Europe Amounting to Current Rupees 304600.
6. Account Tonnage of Ship Durrington.
7. Account Packing Stuff of Ditto.
8. Ship Durrington's Charter party.
9. Manifest of Private trade Laden on board the Durrington by Captain Crabb for Europe.
10. Copy Capt. Crabb's Sailing Orders.

JOS : BRIGG
Sec^ry^.

N°. 10

TO THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to advise Your Honours that Pursuant to Orders I Repair'd on board ship Durrington off Ingellee and have this Day Dispatch her to your Residency in Company with the Beaufort.

The Durrington having on Board What Goods design by the Honble the President &ca. Council of Fort William, The Captain hath this day signed his Bills of Lading, The first of each sett comes Enclosed, also the Beaufort's Second Bills.

Enclosed comes The Gunners Report of Guns &ca. together with the Muster Roll Muster'd before me.

The Ship Draws Sixteen Feet Two Inches Water on an Even Keel. I wish her a safe and speedy Passage, & am Most Respectfully

OFF INGELLEE
3D. JANUARY 1744/5.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Servant
WILLIAM MACKETT.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE ₱ SHIP BEAUFORT.

No. 1. Duplicate General Letter to the Honble the President & Council at Fort St. George dated 31st. December 1744.
2. Invoice of Ship Beauforts Amounting to CRs. 8200.
3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
4. Second Bill of Lading ₱ Ship Durrington.
5. Abstract of ship Beauforts Invoice to Europe Amounting to Current Rupees [3[020]00].
6. Account Tonnage of Ship Beaufort.
7. Account Packing Stuff of Ditto.
8. Ship Durringtons Charter party.
9. Manifest of private Trade Laden on the Beaufort.
10. Copy Captain Stevens Sailing Orders.

N.B.—The List of Stores Sent to the West Coast ₱ Ship Lapwing is omitted by these Ships.

The Several Packets received from the Honble Company and the West Coast as mentioned in the above General Letter are delivered to the Care of Captain Stevens of the Beaufort.

JOSEPH BRIGG
Secry.

No. 11

TO THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In Pursuance of an Order from the Honble the President &ca. Council of Fort William, I proceeded on Board Ship Beaufort off Ingellee.

And am now to acquaint Your Honrs. That I this day Deliver'd Captain Thomas Stevens his Dispatches he having on Board What Goods design'd by the President &ca. Council of Fort William. For which, he hath signed the several Bills of Lading. The first of each Sett comes Enclosed, And the Second Bills will be Enclosed in the Durrington's Packet which I shall likewise this Day Dispatch to Your Residency.

Enclosed comes the Gunners Report of Guns Small Arms Ammunition &ca. together with Muster Roll of the Ships Company musterd before me.

The Ship Draws Seventeen Feet Water upon an Even Keel. I wish her a safe & speedy passage, & am most Respectfully

OFF INGELLEE
THE 3D. JANUARY 1744/5.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Servant
WILLIAM MACKETT.

N°. 12

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

1. We have received Your Honour &c^{as}. Favour of the 16th. October Last by the Brillant, and of the 16th. February by the Princess Augusta, the Former Arrived here the 23^d. of November, & the latter the 21st. of May.

2. We beg Leave to congratulate the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr. on his Accession to the Chair, & to wish him a happy & Successful Government.

3. We shall now answer Your Honour &c^{as}. Letters, & give an Account of the Most material Occurrences since our last Advices.

First concerning Shipping

4. The Brillant Snow which Your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to send for the Service of this Coast, is of a good Size, & will be very usefull when she has another Deck, We have now dispatched her to Your Hon^r. &c^a. with advices, as the Princess Augusta is not returned from Batavia, whither she was sent for Salt, as We shall have Occasion to mention, & request You will Order her to be fitted up & sent back to us, The Cost of her & of the Ten Tarpaulins is brought to Account conformable to Your Directions.

5. Captain Gay has been advanced $1000. One Thousand Dollars to defray the necessary Disbursements of that vessel & he is to give an account thereof to Your Honour &c^a. as ℔ his inclosed receipt.

6. We were glad to receive by the Princess Augusta Fifty Lascars For they will be very serviceable to the Settlement, either to go in the Sloops, or on many other Occasions & We shall take Care that they be well treated, & According to the Agreement made with them, We have bought a large Compound & Houses commodiously situated for them near the Sea Side, but We are sorry that We have been obliged to part with Ten of them, Capt. Gay having assured Us, that [He] could not proceed without that additional Number, he having lost several Men by Death & Desertion.

7. We have perused the Representation which Captain Taylor has made to your Honour &c^a. in excuse For his late Arrival here the last Voyage, wherein he confidently sets forth that He has not touched any where on the Coast but at Barroos, that his stay there was less than 4 Days, and that having been obliged to take the Sloop in tow & meeting with contrary Winds, he did not arrive off that place till the 26th. of November, concluding with an Insinuation, as if We were disobliged from a private Concern, when We made our Complaints.

8. Wherefore We think it necessary to inform Your Honour &c^a, that his Assertions are frivolous, & whatever he may mention in his Journal you will be pleased to observe, that He brought a General Letter from Padang dated the 31st. of December NS; advising his Arrival there the 28th. so that he evidently was at that place also three Days, but that is not all the Delay he made notwithstand^g. positive Orders for tho' We cannot positively fix the Time of his making the Coast, Yet We have been well informed that he reached it a great Deal earlier than what he asserts, which appears plainly from the Business We know He has done there, and Captain Goring, as well as other persons who are come that Way since, have had Complaints made of some of his unfair Dealings with the Natives at a place called Tapinooli, who threaten revenge unless Justice is done them.

9. As to the Disadvantage Arising to the Company from his late Arrival, We are further to lay before Your Honour &c^a, that had he arrived here sooner as he might have done had he punctually obeyed Your Orders, We should have had an Opportunity to have unloaded him before the Grantham came upon our Hands, which was not till the 27th. of December, at which Time We were stressed for Want of Boats for both ships, most of them being then at the Northward with the Duke of

Lorrain, so that they were long in delivering their Cargoes; and when we intended for Expedition Sake to order back the Duke of Lorrain to this Port from the Northward, & to have sent the Sumatra to take in the Pepper of Laye Bentoonan &c^{a}. whilst in the Interim the Grantham might transfer her Salt Petre to & receive Pepper from the Duke of Lorrain, Capt. Taylor declared he could not proceed without a good Quantity of Ballast in taking in of which, & in refitting at Pooloo, he was a long while, which was the reason that we could not get him away to Allass before the 24th. of February, & after that as We have informed Your Honour &c^{a}. the Weather proved bad in so much, that both Europe ships parted two Cables each at one Time all this retardment or at least a great part of it would no Doubt have been prevented, had he made the best of his way to this Port as he ought to have done, althô as he expresses it, he could not in the least apprehend his Deviation could be at all detrimental to our Hon̄ble Masters.

10. We shall have due regard to your Hon^{r}. &c$^{a's}$. Order's in the 4th. paragraph by the Princess Augusta to dispatch the Ships bound for Madrass by the 15th. of July & Accordingly intended to have sent this Vessel back within that Time, but her late return from Batavia, occasioned by the uncommonly Northerly Winds at this Season of the Year, which continued to blow for a long time, & other circumstances, which will Appear in the sequel of this Letter, detained her till now, which reasons we persuade ourselves will plead our Excuse for dispatching her later than Your Orders.

11. The Royal Guardian Capt. William Earle Benson Commander arrived here the 11th. of September last, & as soon as she was unloaded we put 62 Tons of Pepper on Board her, after which we sent her to Moco Moco, but having met with several Interruptions of bad Weather at the Northern Settlements She did not come back her till the 5th. of January, when the Captain having petition'd for Surplus Tonnage, we shipped off what Pepper remained in the Godown, & sent him to be filled up at Manna & at the same time dispatched the Brillant snow with a Sloop for Allass to convey to the Royal Guardian what pepper they could get off there in good Time, & she was dispatched for England the 12th. of February having on Board 519 Tons. 4 C. —qr. 10 lb. of Pepper which the Capt. said was all he could take in.

12. After the Brillant Snow had performed that Service, she brought up the Pepper remaining at Manna, since when she has been employed in a Trip to Moco Moco, & after that to Batavia.

13. A Dutch Ship called T'Wapen Vanhoorn from Zelone came in hither in Company with the Royal Guardian who met with her in very great Distress a little to the Southward of Manna, we afforded the Captain & Crew all the Assistance We could in getting [her] [r]efitted at Pooloo, & advanced the Captain & Bockhaulder $ 2000. to defray the Charges of her repairs & other Expences when they were ready to sail they represented that they could not put to Sea without the Help of about 20 Men we thereupon spared them 10 Europeans & procured about the same Number of China Men, with whom they proceed on their Voyage to Batavia the 10th. of November, with a Letter which we wrote to the General & Council to acquaint them therewith, & by the return of the Brillant they have sent us the Money accordingly.

14. M^{r}. Henry Stirling, who as we advised Your Honour &c^{a}. in our last was sent to Batavia to contract for rice returned here the 7th. of October & brought 16 Soldiers & as many of the Stores consigned to this place by the Colchester, as the Mary Sloop could take in, that Ship being then at Batavia in her Way to Benjar.

15. We also received a Letter from the Supra Cargoes acquainting Us that they had met the Royal Guardian in the Streights of Sunda, & had tendered the 26th. Soldiers & the said Stores to Captain Benson, who excused himself from receiving them for want of room, wherefore they desired Us to send a Sloop to Benjar for the 10 remaining soldiers & stores, & at the same time to give them some Advices concerning the affairs at that place.

16. They further requested that We would dispatch the ship Swift thither with all Expedition, which Vessel they informed Us was sent out, that in Case a Contract

was concluded with the Sultan of Benjar by the Supracargoes of the Severn, She might lay there till relieved by a Guard Ship, which they intended to order for that purpose.

17. In Consequence whereof, as those Gentlemen had made such a Contract & the Swift was not Arrived, We imagined it would be agreable to the Sultan to hear of the Honble Company's early Preparation to fullfill their part of it by sending out the said Vessel, & thinking also that it would greatly conduce to the success of the Colchester's Business there to have a Company's Servant upon the Spot, who is acquainted with the Nature of it, & with the Inhabitants We accordingly sent Mr. James Wheeler the 12th. of December on the Mary Sloop to Benjar, with Mr. John Massey to take charge of the Honourable Company's Effects in case of Mr. Wheeler's Death, giving them Instructions to act in Concert with the Supra Cargoes of the Colchester For their Honours Interest, & in Case they find they can with Safety remain there, We appointed Mr. Wheeler resident.

18. We wrote Letters by them to the Sultan and Toomongoong recommending them to their protection & forwarded by that Conveyance the Sultan's Musquets, which Your Honour &ca. have caused to be repaired & returned Us.

19. We also delivered to [Mr. Whee]ler a Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors advising them with our proceedings relating to the Affairs of Benjar, & Another to the Supra Cargoes of the Colchester in Answer to theirs.

20. Since that having had no News of him We took the Opportunity of the Neptune Brigantine's going to Benjar to send Mr. Walter Churchey on her the 1st. of June with Instructions that in Case any Accident should have happened to Mr. Wheeler, he may succeed jointly with Mr. Massey to the Management of the Honble Company's Affairs there, but if they are both well, that He come back again upon the Brigg, & bring away with him the stores & Military left by the Supra Cargoes of the Colchester, We also put up $ 2000 Dollars & consigned them to Mr. Wheeler to answer the Disbursements of that Factory, as it might be a long time before We could have another Opportunity of sending them a supply.

21. But on the Brillant's return from Batavia We were informed by Capt. Gay, as well as by private Letters, that Mr. Wheeler died at Banjar the 26th. of March that Mr. Massey had left that place in Company with the Colchester, having been warned that it was not safe for him to remain there, the Benjareens having cut off a French Briggantine called the St. Joseph Captain Fournier Commr., & destroyed every living Creature belonging to her, after which He was informed of some bad Intentions against himself also.

22. Mr. Massey was at Batavia repairing the Mary Sloop's Sails, & intended to come away in a few [Days] after the Brillant.

23. The Colchester was also at Batavia from whence She was to sail for England the 28th. of June, having taken in a Loading of 6000 pecul of Pepper at Benjar. Capt. Micklefield the Commander of her died in the Passage to Benjar.

24. Captain Gay also reports to us that there was a Man on Board of the Colchester, who had deserted from the Swift at the Cape of Good Hope, from whence that Vessel was returned to England, having been much damaged by running on Shore at Madagascar.

25. He further informs Us that the Winchester, which Ship was in Company with the Luisa when she was lost upon the Isle of May, one of the Cape De Verds Islands, has been refitting at the Brazils.

26. And that Commodore Anson had taken the Manila Galleon & passed thro' the Streights of Sunda with an immense Treasure on Board.

Secondly of Goods from Europe, Fort St. George and Bengal.

27. Captain Benson brought us a supply of 22000 Bamboes of Rice, which Mr. Stirling had agreed with him for at Batavia, & since that We have received the Quantities which Your Honour &ca. were pleased to send by the Brillant Snow, and Princess Augusta, & they have been of great Assistance to the Inhabitants depending

on the Honble Company, for it is still scarce. We therefore continue our request for 500 Bags by every Conveyance & by the Europe Ship from Bengal 1000.

28. The Several Articles of Stores & Wares turned out agreable to the Invoice & We have now enclosed an Indent for Wares &ca. wanted for the use of the Settlement, & shall be glad to receive a good supply of Salt, as also of Gunney Bags.

29. Finding that We had but a very small Stock of Arrack on Hand, We took the Opportunity of sending the Brillant Snow to Batavia, from whence she brought thirty Leaguers with a few Stores, that We were in immediate Want of.

30. Having received very little Salt this Year from Your Honour &ca. & being disappointed of the Quantities which We had reason to expect from Java, having agreed with many Masters of Praws to bring it, & our Stock being almost expended, We were obliged to send the Princess Augusta to Batavia in Order to purchase a Loading of it, if possible, & to the End that she might be ready to return to Madrass by the time limited, We used all Expedition in unlading her, & she sail'd for that place the 2d. June, but We are concerned that she is not yet come back, nor can We imagine the Cause of her Detention.

31. By the Brillant Snow We have sent the large Cable that came from St. Helena, as also an Anchor which is specified in the enclosed Invoice, as it will also be of service to that Vessel, she having but one Cable that she can trust to ride by.

[32.] The Brillant brings also part of the 60 Tons of Lead received by the Royal Guardian, & the Princess Augusta has the rest on Board for Ballast.

THIRDLY CONCERNING INVESTMENTS & FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

33. The Royal Guardian as beforementioned carried Home (Tons. ℔ qr. lb.) 519. 4. —. 10 of Pepper & We have this Day in our Godowns Tons 161. 8. 1. 16 besides which there are several Quantities of last Year's Crop at the Outsettlements, amounting to about Tons 150 more.

34. We are sorry that there should have appeared a Deficiency in last Season's product, especially about Bentoonan Laye & Polley, but We have the Satisfaction to believe that in reality it is inconsiderable, for We are well assured that there were many Parcells of Pepper still left in the Country which the planters would not bring down, because of their Disgust at the pillar Dollars, The people inland being unused to them and absolutely refusing to receive them, which Inconveniency has for Some time past also occasioned a great Dearth of provisions.

35. We have again met with many Difficulties in getting Boats to go to the Southern Settlements, the Sultan assisted with a Letter enjoyning all the Masters of Tombongons belonging to his Country to go to Manna & the other places, We are now preparing to get up the Pepper from thence as fast as We can, & seeing no other Method will prevail with the Owners, We have been under a Necessity to agree to pay half the Value of the Boats that may be lost coming over the Bars, & We have already received several Parcel[s of Pepper] from Manna, Peeno &ca. of last Years produce.

36. And in Order to make a strict Enquiry into the Condition of the Pepper plantations in the several parts of the Country, We have had surveys taken & sent people from time to time for Information, & Mr. Richard Gripton has been on that of the Twelve Doosoons, who at his return gave in a Report, upon which We assembled their proateens, among whom two of the very chief Men were fined & some of the others who had considerable plantations, were presented with small Tokens of the Honble Company's Satisfaction at their Industry, as is set forth in Consultation of the 18th. of April.

37. In Anack Soongey there has been a small Encrease this Year & the Sultan to avoid being imposed upon by false reports, sent Oorang Cayer Se Koondar his Brother a second Time, to Accompany Mr.Dunckley throughout his whole Dominions to see if they had made any Improvements agreable to the promises he had accepted

from them, & one Dupatty Seramee of Ippoe having appeared faulty, was at the Sultan's Desire put under Confinement, but afterwards released & fined for his Neglect, the Sultan has also caused a Head Man of Cattown to be turned out, & appointed another in his room, in whom he places some Confidence & in general We think he has tolerably exerted himself.

38. Agreable to what We wrote Your Honour &c^{a}. in our last concerning the Messages, We had received from the eight Doosoon people, most of those belonging to Benteering [one] of the two principal villages with their Dependants came down in October last, & are now quietly settled in different parts of the Country about us planting of Paddy & clearing Ground to make Pepper Plantations We have not called upon them since, as it would be an In[ter]ruption to that material part of procuring themse[lves] a Maintenance, & when We find they are tolerably well refixed We shall require the Submission from them according to the Terms of their Readmission, & in the meanwhile We believe more of them will be induced [since] our mild Treatment to them, to follow their Example.

39. The Country about us is at present i[n] peace but We have lately been threatned at Pooloo Pesa[ng] with some Disturbance there from One Radeen Iyalaax who We are told is a Man in great Authority in the [Neigh]bouring Country of Se Manko; We have Accordingly [used] our best Endeavours to supply the Resident M^{r}. Thom[as] Combes with Necessaries & recruits as far as We are able but We cannot in our present Circumstances assist him further, nor have We but one Master of a Sloop left, [the] others being either dead or gone away, & as to Euro[pe men] our Garrison is very much weakened by keeping [. . .] of Moco Moco & Croce, at which last place, We have lost several Men.

40. We had sent several Supplies & recruits by the Brillant Snow, which Vessel did not touch there either in going or on her return from Batavia, Captain Gay having declared that he could not go in there by reason of the bad Weather, & great Swells, however We had an Opportunity to send them some Necessaries & Ammunition by the Princess Augusta, which were safely put [on] Shore.

41. And the Louisa was dispatched to him the 26th. Instant with 10 Europeans two Chests of Fire Arms & a good Stock of Ammunition, so that We hope they will be by this time 30 Strong, which with about Ninety Bugguesses besides several other Inhabitants there, which the resident has found necessary to take into pay, will in all probability be a Force sufficient to preserve themselves.

42. By the Brillant Snow We received a Letter from the General & Council of Batavia, wherein it appears they take Umbrage at our forming the Settlement of Pooloo Pesang, saying it is an Encroachment upon the Territories of the Sultan of Bantam their Ally, We herewith lay before Your Honour &c^{a}. a Translation of that Letter, requesting Your Speedy Directions for our proceedings.

43. The Ambassadors from the King of Mandar mentioned in our last went back the 25th. December & We wrote a Letter of Thanks by them for the Permission that King gave our Serjeant to enlist Soldiers there, & for the further civil offers of Friendship, he had been pleased to make to the Hon̄ble Company.

[44] Pangaran Saxee Negarro of Batto Cay [...] near Pooloo Pesang, having had some little disagreement with our resident, which chiefly proceeded from the Disgust he had taken at the Hon̄ble Company's people being removed from his District, where they were first settled, he came up Some time ago & We have persuaded him to return again, & keep up a good Harmony with M^{r}. Combes, which would be very much to his Benefit & the Wellfare of his Country, & wrote to the resident to maintain a good agreement together, for thô the Pangaran had been a little refractory in refusing several times to come to consult with him & the proateens, Yet as he was the very first person in those parts, who had invited us thither & entered into Contract with the Company, We should be unwilling to have any Misunderstandings subsist between Us, & We hope that Interview will have a good Effect with him.

45. We at the same time represented to Pangaran Saxee Negarro the bad Consequences that ensued from Gaming, whereof he himself had met with a severe Instance, for had it not been for M^{r}. Hurlock, who happened to be at Cawoor, when he passed

by there, the Inhabitants would certainly have detained him for Old gaming Debts, upon which Occasion We took into Consideration that the principal Cause of the Country of Cawoor's bad Condition, Arises from the continual Quarrels & Contentions about gaming Debts, for which many poor Families that cannot pay are carried away to other parts & sold for Slaves, nor has any person indebted in that Manner Encouragement to raise any Establishment by planting of Pepper or other Industrious Means, because his Duns would Seize upon his little Improvements, & he would still remain in a Starving Condition.

46. We therefore with the General Consent and advice of all the Head Mallays caused a Chop to be proclaimed, that no Man shall be molested on Account of any Debts whatever contracted by Gaming.

47. Mr. Hurlock who is returned from Cawoor delivered in a report, which is ent[ered] in Consultation of the 20th. of July; wherein he relates to the [...]tioned Effect & that the people required their Pepper to be weighed off & paid for in the like manner as at Manna ; He also entered a new Agreement with them & promised that whenever they had eight Bahars ready it should be sent & paid for at the Rate stipulated, but should their Country hereafter produce such considerable Quantities of Pepper to make it worth the Honble Company's while, they would no doubt put them upon the same Footing with the other places, from whence they draw large parcells.

48. Several Families of Passarna people are come down with their Pangaran to settle about Manna & raise Pepper Plantations, & as they are destitute of all means of Subsistence being in a strange Country, they have requested the Honble Company's Assistance, & We have permitted the Resident if he finds it necessary, to advance them at Times as far as $ 100 to be repaid out of the product of their Labour.

49. The King of Indrapore has again wrote to us jointly with the Sultan of Manang Cabow, pressing us to settle amongst them, but We have not made any reply thereto as yet, not thinking it ingenuous, & shall wait till We are better Satisfied concerning it.

50. The Gentlemen of Padang have answered the Letter We wrote them agreable to Your Honour &ca's. Orders concerning the Exchange of Desertors, wherein they acquaint us that they cannot give them such a free & unlimited pardon as We required so that We believe that affair will remain on the former Footing.

51. The other less material Transactions relating to these Heads being entered at large in our Consultations, We crave leave to refer Your Honour &ca. to them for the further particulars.

Fifthly of Fortifications Buildings and Revenues.

52. The Buildings at Moco Moco as We are told go on very well, the Walls are compleated & they are now finishing the Gate, Italian Padre who went thither a second time about 6 Months ago remains there still, & has been very usefull in directing the Works, We shall according to the Liberty Your Honour &ca. give us make him a reasonable recompence.

53. The Covering of the large Godown next the Shedd for Materials is so much fallen in that We were obliged to get it new cover'd with attops, for thró Want of Skill in the persons who tyled them, the Rain soaked thó & rotted the Timbers, so that the whole Roof was in danger of coming down, & We have now no person at all left who knows how to lay Tyles, for which reason also, we have been under a Necessity of covering the Lodgings in the Fort with Coolit Cayoos.

54. The sea having considerably gained upon that Godown, We were Obliged some time ago to secure it by driving large piles into the Ground & filling them up with Earth & rubbish, but it has since been washed out & many of the piles broke down by the [said] high [Tide] We shall endeavour to repair them in the best Manner We can & prevent its doing any further Damage.

55. Several Persons having requested Leases for their Houses & Compounds, We have granted them as they do not stand in the Way of the Companys Buildings.

56. The Licences for this Year have been put up at publick Outcry & sold to the best Bidders the Arrack Licence for $ 130. the Ophium Licence at Marlbrô. at $ 90. & the Ophium Licence at Moco Moco for $ 30. & Mensem.

57. All the Customs upon Goods imported here by the Brillant & Princess Augusta have been duely paid into Cash.

SIXTHLY COMPANY'S SERVANTS MILITARY AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

58. The Deputy Governour having been exceedingly indisposed for upwards of these 7 Months past, & seeing no probability of retrieving his Health at this place, he now proceeds on the Brillant snow in Hopes the Sea Air & change of Climate may give him relief, & he having desired that Mr. David Pugh our Surgeon might be permitted to attend him, as there is no person that assist him on Board the Vessel, We have accordingly complyed therewith, & have sent for Mr. Wotton Braham the Surgeon at Moco Moco to come up.

59. Mr. Samuel Greenslate Second & Resident of Moco Moco has been acquainted with the Deputy Govr's. Resolution to go to Madras for his Health, & a praw has been dispatched to him that he may have a Conveyance to come up, if he thinks proper.

60. We have also at the Deputy Governour's Desire drawn out Certificates for $ 7500.—.—which his Attorneys have deposited into the Honble Company's Cash her, he being unable to transact any Business himself, & We request Your Honour &ca. will be pleased to pay the Amount to the Honourable Nicholas Morse Esqr.

61. Mr. William Rigg Trustee to the Estate of Mr. Henry Stirling deceased has deposited into Cash here the Sum of $ 8000. For which We have granted him Certificates payable to the Honourable Nicholas Morse Esqr.

62. The Estate of Mr Charles Gibson deceased being indebted at Fort St. George in the Sum of $ 1040.3.70. The Attorneys to the Honourable Nicholas Morse Esqr. have requested a Certificate for the same, which We have likewise granted.

63. We request Your Honour &ca. will be pleased to discharge those several Sums, for all which due Credit has been given in our Books to Account Current Fort St. George.

64. There being still some Money due to Mr. Gibson's Estate that Account is not yet settled, but We beg Leave to Assure Your Honour &ca. that due Care shall be taken concerning it.

65. The 25th. of September last died Mr. John Rowles Factor intestate & his Effects were as usual sold at publick Outcry, & the Account of that Estate will speedily be made up.

66. The 30th. of March last died Mr. John Greene Factor without a Will, an Inventory was taken of his Effects & after they were sold at publick Outcry it [offered] by true value of what he left & from the several Claims which are already brought upon his Estate, that it will not go near to pay his Creditors. We must endeavour therefore to compound with them when We come to settle that Account.

67. And as We have been informed that there is some Money sent out for Mr. John Greene on the Winchester, We request Your Honour &ca. will be pleased to secure the same upon her Arrival, & permitt us to divide it also among his Creditors.

68. Mr. Henry Stirling Sixth of the Council died two Days after Mr. Greene both of Feavours Mr. Stirling by his Will had named Mr. William Rigg & Mr. Charles Smith his Executors, but the latter having declined the Trust Mr. William Rigg took that Charge upon himself.

69. On the Royal Guardian came out Mr. Oliver Stewart & six Writers.

70. The Writers who came out by the Britannia having behaved well, were appointed Factors agreable to the Directions from the Honourable Court.

71. Mr. Oliver Stewart having been appointed 7th. of Council He was upon Mr. William Coles's Absence called to the Board as Sixth, but having behaved himself in most unbecoming indiscreet Manner, We are very Sorry to Acquaint Your Honour &ca. that We were obliged to dismiss him, the particulars whereof being entered at large in our Consultation of Janry. the 13th, We beg Leave to refer Your Honour &ca. thereto, & he has taken his passage on the Royal Guardian.

72. Another unfortunate Affair has happened in the Case of Mr. James Man who has been sent home on that Ship hav[ing] been Suspected of the Murther of one William Holt who lived with him as a Servant & having all along led a very idle & riotous Course of Life.

73. Ensign MackLaen of Pooloo Pesang being dead, one Serjeant Sparks was Appointed in his room.

74. And as they had had no Ensign at Moco Moco for some time a Commission was given to one Serjeant Tucker who acted in that station ever since the late Ensign's Decease.

75. Upon Mr. Oliver Stewart's Dismission Mr. Isaac Barbut was taken into Council & after Mr. Stirling's Demise Mr. Robert Hindley succeeded to that Vacancy, they being the next in Standing.

76. Mr. Thomas Tomlyne one of the Writers by the Royal Guardian died the 5th. of June last, his Effects were sold at Outcry & the Amount not being sufficient to discharge the Demands on him, it was distributed amongst the Creditors.

77. We acquainted Your Honour &ca. that We should wait till We had a proper Man to Supply the place of Gunner, which we have since filled by a person recommended as very capable of that Employ, namely, Mr. Elias De Butts who We believe will answer our Expectations, & We have accordingly entertained him at the usual allowance.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servants

Fort Marlbrô
July the 31st. 1744

William Rigg.
Charles Barbut.
Joseph Hurlock.
Issac Barbut.
Robert Hindley.

Supplement.

1. Since writing the above arrived the Princess Augusta on the 30th. Ulto. from Batavia & brought us a Supply of about 47 Coyan of Salt Java Measure, which will be a sufficient provision till We can receive a further Quantity from Your Honour &ca.

2. Captain Goring informed Us that the Cæsar Storeship Capt. Matthew Court Commander, was arrived at Batavia about 10 Days before he came away, & that Mr. John Massey was still at that place, having sent the Sloop Mary after the Neptune Brigantine, upon which vessel Mr. Watter Churchey took his passage to Benjar, to inform him of the Disposition of affairs there & to prevent his proceeding to that port.

3. The Same Day in the Evening came in the Neptune Brigantine, & the Mate who brought her hither informs us that they had met the Sloop, & upon the Advices they received from Mr. Massey, they intended to return, but being in want of Water were obliged to put into Samarang, where at the Invitation of the Dutch Chief who

wrote them a very friendly Letter, Mr. Churchey & the Commander went on shore, but on the same Evening about 9 O'Clock seven Boats came off to the Vessel full of armed Men, both White & Black with an Intention to have seized her, but after having endeavoured to board her the Mate cut his Cable & came away leaving Mr. Churchey & the Master of the Brigantine behind, however We hope they will be sent to Batavia time enough to return on the Storeship.

[4] Upon Captain Goring's Arrival at Batavia the General informed him that his ship must be searched, or they could not permit him to remain in the road, saying, that it had been the Custom for this two Years last past to search all ships that touched there, & that the English Commanders before him had made no objection to it upon which Capt. Goring told his Excellency that whatever other Commanders might do it was no Rule for his Conduct, & that he could not upon any Account suffer the Honble Company's Ship to be searched, saying, that he came thither to purchase salt for their Honours settlement & not in a clandestine Manner, & that he had rather go back empty than offer such an Indignity to his Country, which the Dutch had no Right to insist on from any Treaties subsisting between the two Nations, he at the same Time assured the General that he had no contraband Goods on Board, & for the General's private Satisfaction would wait on any Gentleman his Excellency should think proper to send on Board, & convince him of the Truth of what he said, but not under the Denomination of a Search. His Excellency was Satisfied with the Captain's perseverance & Granted him the Liberty of the port.

5. The Brillant Snow which We had intended to carry the above Letter to Your Honour &ca. was countermanded upon the Princess Augusta's Arrival, that we may be the better able to frame our advices to your Honour &ca. upon the Directions We shall [receive from the] Honble Court by the Storeship, & We intend immediately [upon the] Ships Arrival to dispatch the Snow also to Your Honour &ca.

6. The Deputy Governour having altered his Resolutions of taking his passage on the Brillant, now proceeds on the Princess Augusta.

7. This ship brings Your Honour &ca. the Remainder of the 60 Ton of Lead, & as We have already advised the Snow has the Rest on Board, & We now also send the Copper Doodoes which came by the Royal Guardian from St. Helena.

8. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for all that is shipped on the Princess Augusta on the Honble Company's Account.

9. We have at Capt. Goring's request advanced him the sum of $ 531. –. – for the use of the Ship Princess Augusta, & inclosed comes his receipt for the same.

10. Mr. Robert Hindley resident of Laye has in consultation of this Day informed us, that the Pepper of Laye & Bentooman has been all received, & that there was no Deficiency, but the Polley Pepper is not Yet brought down.

11. We are informed that the Cæsar, now at Batavia, has no recruits for this Place, & therefore desire Your Honour &ca. will take it into Consideration, & send us a supply, either of Europeans or Topasses, that We may be able to support the Out-settlements of Moco Moco & Pooloo Pesang, which as We have already acquainted you, have very greatly drained our [...]

We are

Fort Marlbro. Honble Sir & Sirs
7th. August 1744. Your most obedient humble servants

William Rigg.
Charles Barbut.
Joseph Hurlock.
Issac Barbut.
Robert Hindley.

Indent for Wares &cA. wanted for the Use of the Honble Compys Settlement by the first Conveyance.

Long Cloth Ordry. white	30 Thirty Bales.
Salampores white	4 Four Bales.
Long Cloth Ordinary blue	4 Four Bales.
Cambays blue for Slaves Cloathing	300 Three hundred Pieces.
Taffaties Red	40 Forty Peices.
Patna Chints	100 One hundred Pieces.
Bengal Vitry, Canvas &ct. as ꝑ last Indent of each	20 Twenty Bolts.
Hospital Cloaths	100 One hundred Suits.
Betillas for Colours Vizt.	
Red	50 Fifty Pieces.
Blue	50 Fifty Pieces.
White	50 Fifty Pieces.
Dungaree 30 thirty Covids	100 One hundred Pieces.
Cartridge Cloth	100 One hundred Pieces.
Salt, Rice, & Gunney Bags	.....
Bengal Twine	2 Two hundd. Weight.
Coir Cables of 8 Eight Inches	6 Six.
Ditto 5 five Inches	[10 Ten].
Coir Rope from 1 Inch to 4 most of the smaller sort	30 Thirty Coils.
Musterd Seed Oyl	1000 One thousd. Galls.
Ghee	50 Fifty Duppers.

Fort Marlborough.
7th. August 1744.

William Rigg.
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List of the Packet ꝑ Ship Princess Augusta.

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	5. See Customers Account	1 Do.
	6. Storekeeper's Account from Primo May 1743 to Ulto. Apl. 1744	1 Book.
	7. Warehousekeepers Do. Do.	1 Section.
	8. Pepper Godownkeeper's Accounts Do.	1 Do.
	9. Moco Moco Journal Letter P	3 Do.
	10. Moco Moco Leidger Letter P	1 Do.
	11. Consultations from the Sumatra's Sailing to this Day ...	15 Do.
	12. Letters Sent Do.	9 Do.
	13. Letters received Do.	8 Do.
	14. Register Book	2 Do.
	15. Diary of Messrs. Wheeler & Masseys Transactions at Banjar	1 Book.

Papers Vizt.

1. General Letter.
2. Transaction of the Letter from the General & Council of Batavia.
3. Invoice ꝑ Ship Princess Augusta.
4. [Bill of la]ding ꝑ Ditto.
5. Account Current of Do.
6. Storekeeper's Account of Sundries deliver d for the Use of Do.
7. Duplicate of Ship Sumatra's Account Current.
8. Indent for Wares and Stores.

9. Captain Gay's receipt for $ 1000 Advanced for the use of Snow Brillant.
10. Captain Goring's receipt for $ 531 Advanced for the Use of Ship Princess Augusta.
11. Consultation on Dispatch.
12. Duplicate Sailing Orders.
13. List of the Pacquet.

Fort Marlbrô.
7th. August 1744.

Richard Gripton
Secry.

No 13.

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &ct.
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since We had the Honour to Address Your Honour &ct. by the Princess [. . .] [Ship sailed] from hence the 9th. Ultimo The Worshipl. Samuel Greens[late] Esqr. who arrived from Moco Moco the 20th, has taken the Chair as Deputy Governour during the Absence of Robert Lennox Esqr.

The Cæsar Captain Matthew Court Commr. from Europe but last from Batavia came in here the 24th. of August and on the 28th. of the same month Arrived the Godolphin Captain John Stevens Commander bound for Madrass or Bengal which Ship was Obliged to put in here for Water and Refreshments, having a Number of Soldiers on Board and a sickly Ship's Company she left England the 23d. of April last and brought the News of a Declaration of War on both sides between the Crown of Great Britain and France when it was also expected the Dutch would soon declare.

By the Cæsar We received a Letter from the General and Council of Batavia representing that they had Seized The Honourable Company's Sloop the Mary with Mr. John Massey and the People belonging to her, who as We informed Your Honour &ct. were upon their Return from Banjar. The Reason they alledged for this Proceeding was that Mr. Massey had sent the said Sloop with private Advices to the Neptune Brigantine then bound to that place the Master of whom together with Mr. Watter Churchey were as We have mentioned in our proceeding Letter treacherously detained at Samarang, where [they had] put in for Wood and Watter, thô as his Excellency &ct. are pleased to Signify was only to cloak the real Design which was the Sale of a Parcel Ophium, on Board the Vessel, in Opposition to the Strict Prohibitions of sending that Commodity; Accusing Us at the same time of Breach of Faith and infringing on the Laws and Rights of their Commerce by conniving at such clandestine Practices, which they say has been carried on for some Time past, they have thereupon forbid us any further Correspondence with their Settlement and referred the Examination of those Gentlemen in Regard to that Affair to the Council of Justice at Batavia.

Upon which We made a Strict Enquiry concerning this Complaint and found that the Owners agreeable to the free and unlimited Liberty of Trade which the Honble Company have been pleased to grant to their Servants in any Merchandizes whatever that did not interfere with their Honours Commerce had loaded on the Brigantine, Ophium, as well as other Goods and directed the Master to dispose of them to the best Advantage at Banjar particularly enjoining him to run no Resque, if therefore the Master upon receiving the Information which Mr. Massey had sent to Mr. Chuchey relating to the Disposition of the Banjar Affairs and only to warn them of the Danger, they might run were the proceed thither, should finding his Voyage disappointed imprudently have offered his Ophium to sale among the Dutch, which however We have great Hopes to believe is not the Case, as it would have

been Contrary to the Owners Orders [they] could not possibly guard against it any more than by th[. . .] persuade themselves that they will not be thought blameable.

Wherefore as We are Strangers to the Affair and can have no further Lights into it than what we have abovementioned together with the Mate's Report who brought the Vessel back, and assures us that their only Business at Samarang was to procure Refreshments and Water, We came to a Resolution to Answer their Letter with Regard to Pooloo Pesang, and likewise to represent to them the Indignity offered by detaining his Majesty's Subjects and in seizing our Hoñble Masters Servants and Sloop especially as We cannot comprehend with what Justice they have done it as well as to request the Releasement of those Gentlemen who are now under Confinement in their Settlement.

And as Captain Gay upon his Arrival from Batavia brought a Message from the General, desiring that in Case, We received the first Advices of a French War We would dispatch a Vessel to inform him of it and promising that We might depend upon the like Favour if it should reach them before us We have remanded the Brillant Snow which was in Readiness to have proceeded to Madrass agreeable to our Intentions in order to forward these advices to Batavia having no other Vessel fit for that Purpose and We were the more induced to do it as We can take hold of the good Opportunity of the Godolphin to carry our Pacquet to your Honour &c^t^.

We have likewise Appointed Captain Gay to confer with the General &c. upon this unfortunate accident and We believe his good Conduct may have a happy Influence in procuring the Release of those Gentlemen and in bringing Matters to a speedy Accommodation.

Inclosed We have transmitted Copys of the Letter We received from his Excellency &c^t^. and of that which is prepared to be sent thither, whereby Your Honour &c^a^. may be the better able to judge of this Affair.

The Brillant Snow being very much out of Repair and wanting another Deck We have also as Your Honour &c. will be pleased to observe requested the General &c^t^. to permit Captain Gay to get her refitted at Batavia, and have put on Board her $ 3000, Three Thousand Dollars to defray the Disbursements on that Account and to Supply Messrs. Churchey and Massey, if they should be in Want under their Melancholy Circumstances.

We have likewise been obliged to take out the Godolphin some few Articles of the Stores which were consigned to Bengal for the Brillant's Use, and have. . .

[*Remaining portions of the letter missing.*]

[Fort Marlborough
6th. September 1744.]

N°. 14

To the Hoñble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I received Your Honour &c^a^. favour sent by the Brilliant Snow; she did not touch at this place, which proved no great disappointment to us, We being well Stock'd with White long Cloth to exchange for Pepper.

I have the pleasure to congratulate Nicholas Morse Esqr. on his accession to the Chair of Fort S^t^. George, and I wish Your honour &c^a^. health and prosperity.

I am with great respect

Moco Moco Residency
10th. July 1744.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. & Most humble Servant

Samuel Greenslate.

Nº. 15

To the Honᵇˡᵉ Nicholas Morse Esqʳ.
President & Governour &cʳ. Council of Fort Sᵀ. George

Honᵇˡᵉ Sir & Sirs

The Fanny being now on Departure for Bengall, We have an Opportunity of Inclosing Your Honour &cᵗ. a Copy of his Majesty's Declaration of War against France; which thô the Consul of Aleppo had not received any Publick Advice of, Yet Several Letters to private Merchants mentioning the War being declared, He thought sufficient grounds to forward the Notice to us; This News preventing the Fanny's going to Madrass, We have putt this under Cover to the Honourable the President and Council of Bengall, and duplicate of it We have recommended to Mʳ. Thomas Holme suppracargo of the Fanny to send on shore at Anjengo if possible: We would have sent Your Honour &cᵃ. the advice of the War by the Deligence a French Bengal Ship, but as the French Gentlemen here have a Suspicion if not a Confirmation of the War Its being Declared, we Suppose They will look out for English Letters; and therefore we were unwilling to trust any by them; besides as Mʳ. Holme assures Us he has taken a Method of forwarding the News by that Ship to Mʳ. John Saunders, Wrote in Court Hand for the more Secrecy, We presume that Gentleman will Acquaint Your Honour &cᵃ. with it.

We are at present very quiet in these Parts, but under a great uncertainty of Continuing So, here being various Reports as to Peace or War between the Turks & Persians, but the Latter most probable; and our Bashaw is thought to have had a great hand in the past Troubles, for which the Porte would be glad to destroy him if it was not out of fear that he would again call a Forreign Power into the Kingdom, or Raise the Arabs, which would put the whole Country in Confusion.

The Winchester Captain Stewart was Lost in her passage from England to Bengall off Brasil, but her Cargo saved.

In this time of a General War, if any Advices should come to Our Notice via Aleppo, which We think the forwarding may be of Consequence, We will take the Liberty of doing it by way of Surat.

We are with a very dutiful Respect
Honᵇˡᵉ Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedᵗ. & most humble Servants,

Bussorah
2ᴰ. July 1744.

Thomas Dorrill.
Danvers Gravel.

P.S.
This Moment is Arrived News from Mosool and Bagdatt that We may expect a second Seige.

Paragraphs In Divers Letters from London &cᴬ. Vizᵀ.

In a Letter dated London the 27ᵗʰ. March 1744, from Mʳ. Thomas Allen, to Mʳ. Lister Bigge in Aleppo.

— — — Since France has Declared War against Us,

In a Letter from Messʳˢ. Henry, John & Thomas March, dated London the 27ᵗʰ. March 1744, to Mʳ. Rowland Sherman In Aleppo.

— — — War being Declared with France We think best.

In Another Letter from the said Messʳˢ. March, dated London the 6ᵗʰ. April 1744, To Mʳ. Sherman.

. . . We told you the 27ᵗʰ. past ℘ Vienna, so well as then viâ Holland to Marsˡᵉ. the French had Declared War,

In a Letter from Mʳ. Ralph Pemberton dated Galara the 2ᵈ. May 1744, To Mʳ. Rowland Sherman.

. . . The Gazetts mention that Our King's Minister at Paris having acquainted the Court There, Y^e^. His Maj^ty^. had Recalled Him, Y^e^. Sec^ry^. of State sent for him and delivered to him his Fr. Maj^tys^. Declaration of War Against Our King, dated the 15th. March.

Paragraph of a Letter from M^r^. Benjamin Barker, dated Galata the 10th. May 1744, To M^r^. Richard Stratton in Aleppo.

— — — Our King's Declaration of War, I endeavoured to gett for you, It is very Pithy, Polite & Generous and I think may make the French King, which is the Title that runs through It, Ashamed, The Address's are all his [*sic*] could Expect or desire.

I Attest the foregoing Paragraphs to be True Copys from the Originals Witness My Hand.

GEORGE PURNELL,
Cancell^r^.

WE NATHANIEL MICKLETHWAIT Esqr. Consul for his Majesty the King of Great Britain &c^a^. In Aleppo, Syria, Palestina &c^a^. Do Affirm and Attest that George Purnell who has signed the Foregoing, is Our True Severn Cancellier, and that unto all Acts and Writings by him so signed full Faith and Credit may be given in all Courts of Judicature or Else Where. Given at Our Residence in Aleppo under Our Hand and Seal This twenty nynth Day of May 1744.

NATHANIEL MICKLETHWAIT
Consul.

By His Worship's Command.
GEORGE PURNELL CANCELL^R^.

A True Copy
DANVERS GRAVES.

[. . .] been.

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Letters 16 to 29 and the first part of 30 are missing in the original.

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[*Continuation of Letter No. 30*]

been any such, Doubtless the Honble Company would have acquainted us Accordingly. Copy of the Governor and Councils Letter of Pondicherry and our Answer to them go inclosed by which Your Honour &c^t^. will perceive we cannot so much as think of entering into any kind of Engagement with them.

Our Last Advices from Tellicherry were dated the 10th. December when none of the expected ships from England were Arrived on the Coast and not having any further Advices shall only add th[at]

We are
HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
[5]^TH^. JANUARY 1744/5.

WILLIAM WAKE.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.

W. SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE DUDLEY.

HUGH HOWARD.
JOHN MUNRO.

P.S.

Please to forward the inclosed Packet to the President & Council of Pondicherry.

To the Honble William Wake Esqr.
General &c^r. Council of Bombay

Gentlemen,

The French India Company, having by it's Letter of the 14th. of April, which did not reach us, till the 28th. Ultimo; advised us of the declaration of War, made by the King our Master, against the King of England, Elector of Hanover, Signifies to us at th[e same] time, that it should be highly pleased, could a good [under] standing still subsist, between the Nations trading [with] India, notwithstanding the Declaration of War be [made].

As the Views of our Superiors, can [. . .] only to the Common good of both Company's, we have ju[dged] that in order to go entirely into them, it would be conveni[ent] that on neither side, any Act of Hostility, should be com-m[enced] on this side of the Cape of Good Hope, quite to China, & be [. . .] it. We have the Honour to communicate our Intentions, [to the .] Gentlemen at Madrass, & Calcutta, & also that of preventing them, as we also prevent Ye Gentlemen with the Notice, [that] in Consequence of our Resolutions, Our Orders are already dispatch'd to all our Settlements, & Ships as well of the Company, as private, expressly forbidding them to be the Aggressors in any manner whatever, enjoining them to be purely on the Defensive, in a word not to use the right of War, in the whole Space of the abovementioned Seas, unless they were first attack[ed] by the English.

So Gentlemen ye see, that if you think proper, to give the same Orders, to all Your Subordinates; it will not be our fault, that the Trade of the two Nations, is not carried on in India, with the Same Union, & Tranquill [ity] as if our respective Sovereigns, were in full Peace.

We doubt not but that Ye, filled with the same Zeal, with regard to your Company, by which we are acted for the good of Ours, will accede to our Proposals which will be a great Satisfaction to us.

You have undoubtedly been informed by

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[*Continuation of Letter No. 35.*]

One of the Military named John Trivit desired his discharge while the Ships lay here whom we only gave permission to go to your Place that Your Hon^r. &c^a. might Station him on what Ship You shall think proper, He left this place on the Durrington.

Fort S^t. David
9th. February 1744/5

We are most respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble Servants

John Hinde.
Edward Croke
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

List of Bales.

At the Beaters	60
Washers	319½
Embaled	2
Bales	381

N°. 36

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &ct.
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Our last was under Date the 31st. December This accompanys our Diarys and Consultation Cash and Paymasters Accounts for that month together with another Set of our General Books for the last Year.

At the foot hereof is an Account of what Cloth is come in from Upparra this month which is the present needfull from

Vizagapatam
28th. January 1744/5.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble servants

Richd. Prince.
Robt. Goodere.
Foss Westcott.

	B as.
Long Cloth Ordry.	4
Salampores Ordry.	16
Bales ...	20

N°. 37

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &ct.
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have just now received Your Favour of the 11th. Instant directing us to Supply Mr. Andrews with Ten thousand Rupees which we shall immediately send him by Land, as we think that the safest Conveyance.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Vizagapatam
28th. January 1744/5

Richard Prince.
Robert Goodere.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 38

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governor &ct. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Last Night, We received Your Honour &cts. Favour of the 5th Instant with the Supply of 5,000 Five thousand Pagodas which turns out right.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants

Fort St. David
13th. February 1744/5.

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William holt.
Alexander Wynch.

N°. 39

To the Honourable Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{t}.
Council of Fort S^{t}. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honour &c^{as}. Favour of the 9th. Instant Accompanying a Supply of Five thousand 5,000 Pagodas which Comes out right.

We are most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

Fort S^{t}. David
15th February 1744/5.

John Hinde
Edward Croke
. . .
. . .
William Holt
Alexander Wynch

N°. 40

To Nicholas Morse Esqr.
Governour of the City &
Fort S^{t}. George & the Gentlemen
of Council at Madrass

Sir & Sirs

We have received the Letter you did us the honour to write Us the 12th. Instant with that from the Gentlemen of the Council of Bombay of the 5th. Jan^{ry}. O.S. for which we are obliged.

We have the honour to be with respect
Sir & Sirs,
Your most humble & Obed^{t}. Servants

Pondicherry
27th. February 1745.

Dupleix
&c^{a}. Council

N°. 41

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &c^{a}.
Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We last wrote Your Honour &c^{a}. by the Beaufort and Durington under Date the 31st. December Agreeable to what therein advised We now dispatch to Your Honour &c^{a}. the Princess Augusta with Salt Petre and such Stores as the Captain could take in for the use of Your presidency and Bencoolen Our Patna Salt Petre not Arriving 'till the 27th. January We could not possibly dispatch this ship sooner We propose sending two of our Sloops towards the latter end of this or the begining of the next month with what Salt Petre they can carry as a further supply for any ships Your Honour &ca may dispatch for Europe in September We shall likewise send on them as much more of the packing Stuff you have Indented for as they can with conveniency take in also the Additional Quantity of Brown Jugdea Baftaes ordered for Chinting.

Enclosed Your honour &c^{a}. have Invoice of this Ship Amounting to Current Rupees Twenty two thousand Nine hundred & twenty six seven Annaes & Pyce (C.R^{s}. 22926/7/9) also the several accounts of her Expences and all other Necessary Papers as ℘ List Enclosed for the amount of which We shall Debit Your Presidency.

Captain Goring landed here 633 Slabbs of Lead weight 1269 Maunds : 2. Srs. which he informs us was consign'd to Your honour &c[a] from Fort Marlborough The same We have disposed of at publick Outcry on the Established Terms and shall give your Settlements due Credit for the Amount.

We have made a further Tryal of the Copper remaining in our Warehouse but could not dispose of any part thereof Tho' put up at the Price Advised Your honour &c[a]. in our last We are therefore to repeat our request in case of the Wagers Arrival with You That you will please to land what may be consigned us by her dispose thereof and that You will take out of our Honble Masters ships expected this Season such quantity of this Article as you judge you may be able to vend at your place.

Our Stock of Redwood being almost exhausted by the Quantities We have been obliged to Supply our Honourable Masters Ship with this Year and imagining a pretty large quantity may be wanted for the Next Years Shipping We are to request Your Honour &c[a]. will supply us with Eleven Thousand Maunds by the several Conveyances that will offer We also find that We shall be greatly in want of money for carrying on our Investment for the ensuing season Whatever sums your honour &c[a]. can assist us with will be very Acceptable We therefore hope you will please to furnish us with all the Rupees You can Spare from Your Own necessary Occasions.

The late stoppage of our business by the Government having in so great a degree affected the coming in of our Investment We have not been able to dispatch any of our Honble Masters Ships directly for Europe till the 10th. Instant. When the Winchelsea and Duke of Dorset went from hence The Godolphins dispatches are now preparing and We hope to send them away by the 19th. or 20th. of this Month.

We shall advise your honour &c[a]. by our Sloops in what manner We would have the Bullion disposed of expected by the Ships that may arrive this ensuing Season But should the Wager and Benjamin arrive with Your Honour &c[a]. in the interim We request that such part of the silver designed us by them may be Coined into Rupees and sent us One third in Madrass and Two thirds in Arcott Rupees.

We are sorry to Acquaint your honour &c[a]. that the Government is quite unsettled at Muxidavad Occasioned by a great misunderstanding between the Nabob & Mustapha Cawn his head General who has publickly declared against him and is at the head of a large body of Forces which He brought with him from Patna to Assist the Nabob in the time of the Morattoes. How this Affair will end We cannot Judge Numbers of the principal people and others are fled from Muxidavad and there is great Confusion in that part of the Country.

Since Writing thus far Captain Goring Acquainted us that he being so much indisposed was not able to proceed the Voyage and having a very Good Character of his Chief Mate M[r]. Edward Jacob We have appointed him to take command of the Princess Augusta.

Yesterday We were favoured with Yours under date of the 30th. November and remark Your honours Negotiation with the French Gentlemen at Pondicherry in regard to proposals of Tranquility between that Nation and ours in India The like proposals have been made to us from Chandernagore but We did not think proper to enter into any Engagements not being Authorized so to do but Acquainted them That it would be very Agreeable to us to Avoid any Hostilities being committed and that the Commanders of our Country Shipping had no Orders or Directions from us to protect or attack any of their Ships but only to be upon their Guard.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort William
14th. February 1744/5.

Thomas Braddyll.
William Davis.
William Brooke.
Thomas Feake.

N°. 42

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since Closing the Accompanying Letter We have been favoured with Yours of the 25th. Ult°. ℘ Morton with the Benjamins packet and other papers therein mentioned.

We observe what your honour &c^a. write in regard to the Four Men of War and that you are in expectation of some of them on your Coast We shall comply with your honour &c^a. Request in respect to the pease and Wheat as far as in our power and as the president has received a List from Commodore Barnett of Sundry Articles which he desires may be sent up to Madrass We shall take the same into Consideration and send such of them up on our Sloops as We can possibly provide.

We are greatly obliged to Your Honour &c^a. for the several parts of your advice in regard to shipping.

We shall enquire for M^r. George Fullerton and Acquaint him of the Chest of Treasure You mention but at present We know of no such Person here.

The Wager as yet We have no other news of than what your honour &c. are pleased to send us

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Fort William
15th. February 1744/5.

Thomas Braddyll.
William Davis.
William Brooke.
Thomas Feake.

List of the Packet ℘ Princess Augusta to Fort S^t. George.

N°. 1. General Letter to Fort S^t. George dated the 14th. February 1744/5.
2. Ditto d°. d°. 15 February d°.
3. Invoice of Princess Augusta Amo^tg. to CR^s. 22926. 7. 9. (as. a.)
4. Bill of Lading of D°.
5. Account Expences of D°.
6. Copy Captain Edward Jacobs Sailing orders.

N°. 43

To the Honble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President and Governour &c^r.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honourable Court of Directors of the East India Company having been pleased to lay aside from their Service, M^r. Powell their late provisional Govr. of this Island and by their Commission to Vest the Governm^t. of it in Us, We take this Opportunity by the ship Cæsar (which Arrived here the 11th. instant) to acquaint you with it.

The Usual List of the Arrival of the ships at, and Departure from this Island is Enclosed.

We desire you will be pleased to send Us for the use of the Island, Twelve Maunds of Wax Candles and the Rest of the One ₱ Cent in Sugar, Rice and Batavia Arrack.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants

ST. HELENA
22D. MARCH 1744.

DAVID DUNBAR.
CHARLES HUTCHINSON.
CHRIS: DISCON.
JOHN GOODWIN.
N. PURLING.

LIST OF SHIPS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TO AND FROM ST. HELENA 1743

VIZT.

Arrival.	Ships names.	Departure.
March 29th	Tygriss	May 16th
April 13	His Majestys Ship Liverpool	May 16th
Do. 17	Royal Guardian	Do. 12
Do. 22	A Dane Ship called the Crown Prince of Denmark.	April 29
Do. 30	Defence	May 16
May 1	Walpole	May 16
Do. 6	Marlbrough	May 16
Do. 7th	Lynn	June 20th
Do. 7th	Augusta	June 20th
Do. 7th	Wilmington	June 20th
Do. 7th	Houghton	June 20th
Do. 7th	Princess Mary	June 20th
Do. 7th	Onslow	June 20th
Do. 21st	Brittannia	June 20th
Do. 31	A Dutch Ship called the Knappenhoff	Do. 22
June 3	His Majestys Dover	Do. 20
Do. 19	A Dutch Ship	Do. 22
Do. 25	Shaftsbury	July 8
October 21	Duke of Lorrain	November 28th
November 5th	Severn	November 28th
Do. 23	Swift Sloop	November 28th
Do.	Grantham	December 20th
Do.	Neptune	December 20th

No. 44

TO THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed are the Journall Parcells and the Cash Account for January.

The Chay Goods are Laden on board a substantial Boat belonging to Sheik Murtoem an Inhabitant of Matchlepatam and I hope she will arrive in safety soon at Madrass.

MADAPOLLAM
7TH. FEBRUARY 1744/5.

I am with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. and
Most humble Servant

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

N°. 45

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am obliged with your Honour &c^a. favour of the 11th. past, and shall pay all due regard to the Contents thereof; As to Washers, there are very few here, and those entirely unacquainted with the method, of Curing Cloth however I shall endeavour to get so many together, as may be sufficient, to Whiten what cloth I may get at present, and as business answers here, by bringing, five or six Washers, from some other part, these may be taught, to Conjee, & Beat hereafter.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. & most obliged
humble Servant

John Andrews.

Ganjam
15th. February 1744/5.

N°. 46

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Waltier who imported here the 29th. January we received Your Honour &c^ts. Favour of the 12th. with the Wares and stores as ℘ Invoice and Bills of Lading therein inclosed.

We here beg Leave to assure Your Hon^r. &c^t. that nothing shall be omitted on our Parts that may contribute towards inlarging the Investment, and if the French should interfere but little in the Business and no unforeseen Accidents happen, we shall be able to effect it.

M^r. Steven De Stutter arrived here the 2^d. past and as soon as he has compleated the Business Your Honour &c^t. sent him to perform we shall advance him what we think necessary for his travelling Charges.

Inclosed comes the Warehouse and Storehouse.

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The latter part of letter No. 46 and Nos. 47–51 are missing in the Original.

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N°. 52

[To the Hon^b]le Nicholas Morse Esqr.
[President &] Governour &c^a.
Council of [Fort S^t. Geo]rge

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &c^as. Favour of the 7th. Inst^t. with the Supply of 5000 Five thousand Pagodas we have received and it turns out right.

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble Servants

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

Fort S^t. David
12th. March 1744–5.

No. 53

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honour &c^as. Favour of the 7th. Instant and with great Pleasure Observe that the Nabob is likely to accommodate affairs with the Morattas, We have advanced Andeapah Five thousand Pagodas and purpose to Advance the Salampore Merch^ts. Two thousand Pagodas each in order to keep Business in motion, but shall be cautious in our Advances till we hear Affairs are quite settled but it wou'd be of the utmost ill Consequence to Stop entirely nor do we see any Occasion for it, as the People we deal with are both able and willing to run the risque.

We are extremly obliged [to your ho]nour &c^t. for Your favourable construction of our [allowa]nces last Year, as it was chiefly owing to your Honour &c^as. proper supplies and encouragement, a continuance of which we doubt not of, We hope this Year we shall be able to do better for our Honble Masters than last, which will [on] all Accounts be a great satisfaction to us and particularly so as we are sure it will gain your Honour &c^as. further Approbation.

We shall pay all Possible regard to Your Honour &c^as. Orders in relation to the Investment.

Enclosed are our Accounts of Expences for January, Consultations, Warehouse-keepers Account of Cloth brought in, and Cash Account for last month, the Ballance of which is Eight thousand eight hundred forty five Pagodas twenty seven Fanams & Sixty nine Cash Pag^s. 8845/27/69.

The Vessel with the Forty Garse of Paddy imported Yesterday.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble servants

Fort S^t. David
12th: March 1744/5.

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List of Cloth on Hand

the old Investment		
at the Washers		120
Beaters		153½
Embaled		108
		381½
New Investment		
Dyers ...	2½	
Washers...	99½	
		102
Bales ...		483½

N°. 54

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
Presi[dent and] Governour &c^t.
Council of [Fort S^t.] George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 13th. September of the last Year O. S. was delivered us by Captain Charles Hopkins the 4th: November last past, whereby we were aoquainted with War being declared between the Crowns of England & France, and that you had sent the said Captain Hopkins to give notice thereof to the Ships of your Nation, that

might be in these parts, & elsewhere, We have given the said Captain, all possible Assistance by permitting him to bring his Vessel into the River, where, after having refitted her, he sailed from hence the 25th. December last past.

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Affectionate Friends & humble servants

Malacca Castle
18th. February 1745.

G. Cluysenaer.
A. Jongsma.
W. B. Albinces.
J. H. Overlerder.
Jn. Onneke.
Js. Js. Sas.
M[S.ᵗ.] Hilgers.

No. 55

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &cr.
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honour &cas. Favour of the 11th. Instant with the Supply of 5000 five thousand Pagodas which turns out right.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servants

Fort St. David
17th. March 1744/5.

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

No. 56

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &cr.
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

This encloses your Honour &ca, the accounts of this place, for December, January, & February.

I must beg leave to acquaint you, that the Catack Country Joins this about two hours, to the Northward of this place, in the first two or three days Journey, through which, towards Bengal, are some Petty Rajahs, & Renters to whom (if your Honour &ca. shall think proper,) it will not be amiss, to make some little acknowledgment not that they any way affect me for I have neither money, nor trade in their Country, but it's probable the Tappys may be impeded in a little time, as they were greatly before I came here, since which I have procured a Takeed, from the Nabob of that Country which has quieted them at present.

I am with the greatest esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most obliged humble. Servt.

Ganjam
4th. March 1744/5.

John Andrews.

N°. 57

To the Honourable Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t^.
Council of Fort S^t^. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We take this Opportunity to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour of the 9th. February ℘ Ship success who imported here the 1st. Instant. By her we received twenty thousand (20,000) Rupees for the use of Ganjam, and 15 Guns as ℘ Invoice sent therewith.

As the Upparra Cloth is much mended of late We flatter ourselves that Business will now go on tolerably well provided the Nabob of Rajahmundrum (who still shews an Inclination to be troublesome) does not interrupt the Merchants therein.

At the foot hereof is an Account of what Cloth we have now at the Wash and in the Godowns.

Inclosed comes our Diarys and Consultation Cash and Paymasters Accounts for last Month.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Richard Prince.
. . . .
Foss Westcott.

Vizagapatam.
8th. March 1744/5.

Long cloth Ord^ry^.	...	7
Salampores Ordinary	...	43
Bales	...	50

N°. 58

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a^.
Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received Your Letter of the 27th. Feb^ry^. with the List of Investment for this Year on the 10th. Inst^t^. and had concerted measures before for bringing the Chay Goods to Madapollam overland without touching the Metchlapatam district or being liable a second time to the Arrest of the Fouzdar there; Washermen will come from thence to cure them, I shall hereby have them more under my Eye than before, and having weigh'd all difficulties that may arise, to the best of my Judgement I may safely engage to continue that Investment without disappointm^ts^.

I observe Your Limitation as to Fine Cloths and can Assure you if the Honourable Company expect Ordinary Ones from this Country they must take the former along with them in the proportion I had formerly the Honour to Acquaint You with that is for 2 Pieces of Ordinary One Piece of Fine; The Merchants here on Advancing the Prices, with no small difficulty agreed on these terms to deliver a certain quantity monthly, and have since gone on more for the Company's Interest than ever I could make them do before, I shall be sorry to stop them in the midst of this unusual Career.

The Nabob has recommenced his demands relating the Timbers, and as I perceiv'd last time it was the Opinion of the Board I shall comply rather than stop the Investment but if possible in such manner as that it may Appear he us'd forcible

methods to obtain his ends, should Your Honour &c^a^. entertain thoughts of applying to his Superiors. Enclosed are the Accounts for the Month for February and a statement of the Ballance of such Merchants as have done no business since my coming here.

I am with great Respect
HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant

MADDEPOLLAM.
14th. March 1744/5.

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

A REPORT OF THE BALLANCES OF SUCH MERCHANTS AS HAVE TRANSACTED NO BUSINESS SINCE AUGUST 1741.

				Ball^ce^. Aug^st^. 1741.			Bal^ce^. Mar[ch] 1745.		
1. Coorsoon Daunia				1593	9	72	1593	9	72
2. Kasoor Doss				1592	3	48	1226	9	—
3. Enemooty Cawmadou				1389	13	64	1322	28	16
4. Phoala Gruah				500	—	32	460	—	32
5. Weymall Ramadou	415	5	32						
with Surripa ...	366	—	40						
				751	5	72	582	13	8
6. Eram Chitty				667	14	32	142	—	—
7. Peggalapetty Moukantry				236	13	40	236	13	40
8. Bompana				105	22	40	105	22	40
9. Bomprauze				69	4	8	69	4	8
				6904	16	8	5737	28	56

Coorsoor Daunia and Weymall Ramadou are Dead and their Families Poor.

Kasoordoss is a Guzurat and related to Several Shroffs who have a great Sway in the Moors Government he resides commonly at Narsapore close by me where he has been protected for some time by the Phousdar of Narsapore he has besides run himself in Debt a small sum to the Rajamundrum Government purposely, well knowing they will not permit me to molest him while he is their Debtor he is worth nothing himself but were he in Custody his Friends would probably Assist him.

Enemooty Cawmadou Phoala Gruah (the son of Phoala Surripa) and Eram Chitty, are now Prisoners in the Factory From the first nothing can be hoped, from the second very little and the third has paid off most of his Ballance, he went from hence to Ingeram and stands also Debtor on the Books of that Residency.

Peggalapitty Moukantry is now an Ingeram Merchant he entered into Partnership with one Seram Mollou a Merchant here, and by an Award of Arbitration made before M. Prince and me at Ingeram his proportion of that Joint Ballance is as above.

Bompana and Bomprauze are two Ingeram Merchants who contracted likewise underhand with M^r^. Goddard and he enter'd them under these Names their real Names were Cunshum Conniah and Door Chitty Ballou.

MADDEPOLLAM RESIDENCY
14TH. MARCH 1744–5.

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

Nº 59

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honour &ca's. Favour of the 20th. Instant with the Supply of 5000 Five thousand Pagodas which turn out right.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants

Fort St. David.
26th. March 1745.

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

No. 60

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &ca. Favours of the 6th. and 27th. February with one from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 9th. covering Invoice and Bill of Lading for 5000 Five thousand Madrass Pagodas are duely receiv'd the Wares & Stores turning out right according to Invoice & Bill of Lading.

Due regard shall be had to the List of Goods to be provided and particular care taken as to the Lengths and Breadths, hoping with the Indulgence granted the Merchants and the favourable prospects of the Season I shall be able to make an Investment Acceptable to Your Honour &ca.

I shall take care and draw out the Merchants account Currents each separately according to your directions and transmitt them to you.

The Ballances annually transferred were from the Maddapollam Books in Mr. Grahams time I shall make particular enquiry and in my next advise Your Honour &ca. what may be recover'd from those persons also send you an estimate of the Buildings necessary and the expences attending them.

We have lately been surprisd with an unexpected visit from the Nabob who renewed his demand as to the Timbers, and all remonstrances were fruitless, they sent 20 Horse to seize the French Merchants and the same here, and having before me Your Honours &ct. Opinion in regard to this affair weighd with the Investment I chose rather to consent than lose the prospect of this Season as the French may in all probability be scant of money but I must strennously offer this affair to Your consideration, the Factorys have ever been sacred the Breach is now made and like a town over power'd with the Beseigers without some redress 'twill be impossible to stem the Torrent.

I must request Your Honour &ca. will supply me by opportunitys that offer with twenty five thousand Madrass Pagodas being what I judge necessary for the Years Investment.

I shall take care as much Cloth as possible shall be cur'd by August.

Inclosed is Cash and Journal Parcels for last month the account of cloth as under written.

I am with respect
HoNBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble servant
THOMAS SAUNDERS.

INGERAM
22D. MARCH 1744. 5

Long Cloth Ordinary	75 Cor.
Salampores Ordinary	8
Long Cloth Fine	37
Salampores Fine	4
Izzy. Fine	2
Course	2

No. 61

TO THE HoNBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &cA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HoNBLE SIR & SIRS

We return this Pattamar with an Answer to your letter of the 3d. January, and as to the Proposal the French made with Respect to a Neutrality, our superiours at Bombay gave them the like Answer as Your Honour &ca. did.

The Winchester, St. George, and Prince William from Bengal, Arrived us on the 5th. 7th. & 27th. of January, the former was filled up at Anjengo and sailed from thence to Great Brittain the 25th. as did the St. George from hence on the 17th. and the Montague from Bombay with the Prince William sailed likewise in Company from this place the 15th Ultimo.

Captain Acton in the Fort St. George bound for Persia passed by this Port the 4th Ultimo, having under his convoy the Essex and Jenny. The Isaac Trigat, Grandison, and Ceres then in our Road weighed the next day and joined him, by the latter we received a letter for Your Honour &ca. which comes enclosed.

The Edgbaston sailed for Bombay the 20th. Ultimo, with Several Country Vessells under her Convoy, and this day arrived our Honourable Masters Ship Elizabeth, whom we shall dispatch to Bombay in two or three days.

We are with Respect
HoNBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble servants

TELLICHERRY
2D. MARCH 1744/5.

JOHN GEEKIE.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.
WILLIAM WEST.
. . . .
THOMAS BYFELD.
NICHOLAS STONESTREET.
JOHN ROBINSON.

No. 62

TO THE HoNBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &cA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HoNBLE SIR & SIRS

By a Dutch ship bound hence for Zelone & Surat the 22d. October last we informed Your Honour &ca. that notwithstanding the Spaniards were on the Coast of China with Two large Galleons and another ship of considerable Force, with Intentions to Intercept the English, Yet we had the good Fortune to Arrive safely here with the York and Statford.

We likewise Acquainted Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. that the Hardwick arriving off the Ladrone at a Time when the Spaniards were so Stationed as to make it Impossible to pass them, she was obliged to bear away for Amoy, where she Arrived the 2^d^. August, and as we were then Informed sailed thence the 19th. for Chusan, We have since that Time received Letters from her Supra Cargoes dated off the Hole in the Wall the 17th. August, Advising that their Endeavours to load the Ship at that Port had proved ineffectual from the very hard Conditions offered them by the Mandareens, who not only insisted on the Delivery of their Guns, Ammunition and Sails, but likewise the Deposit of their whole Cargo into the Custody of an Officer whom the Mandareens Should Appoint to Receive it. Such an Unreasonable Demand, together with the Difficultys they were likely to meet for want of proper Merchants Accustomed to the European Trade, and likewise the Consideration that the Time of the ships Detention in India by Charterparty would expire in January next, determined them to loose no more Time but to quit the Place; and as the Captain and officers were of Opinion they could beat against the Monsoon, they resolved for Bengall, hoping the ships might be loaded from thence this year for England.

The Many Reports that have been current in Canton concerning the Spaniards Intentions, sometimes that they were to remain here the whole season, at other times that they had been joined by other ships from Manilha, These have in some Measure impeded our Business; but at last we were satisfyed they left the Coast about the middle of October, having neither Money nor provisions to support themselves longer here, the Government likewise having Used all Methods to distress them.

The Loss of Silver in Chest N°. 365 by the York amounting to 14 lb., 2 oz., 15 dwt., with submission we think we cannot justly charge to our account, the seals of the Chest being Entire when landed and Examined at Canton: We beg Leave to offer to Your Honour &c^as^. Consideration, whether as the Deficiency in each Bag was pretty near Equal, it may not have been a Mistake in the Weighing at Madrass.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Canton
11th. December 1744.

John Misenor.
William Drapere.
Richard Oliver.
John Forbes.

N°. 63

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Favours of the 27th. February and 8th. March, The former inclosed a List of Goods to be provided here this Year, We shall be carefull not to exceed the quantity of fine Cloths therein specefied and shall omit no Opportunity to get all the Ordinary we possibly can.

We have received The five thousand (5000) Pagodas sent ₰ Ship Chindadree for the use of Ingeram Residency and shall forward the same by Peons.

According to your Honour &c^ts^. Derection We herewith send you another Copy of our Merchants Accounts and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants

Vizagapatam
26th. March 1745.

Richard Prince.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 64

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &c^t. Council
of Fort S^t. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received the Wares and Stores shipped on the Chawder Bux agreeable to the Invoice; and now enclose the Accounts of this Residency for the Month of March.

I am with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
Most humble servant

Maddopollam
11th. April 1745.

John Hallyburton

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[*Letters* 65, 66 & *part of* 67 *are lost.*]

We wish this Sloop safe to your honour &c^a. and are.

Fort William
7th. March 1744/5.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants

Thomas Braddyll.
William Davis.
John Halsey.
William Brooke.
John Jackson.
Thomas Feake.

N°. 68

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed Your Honour &c^a. last by the Bombay Sloop under Date the 7th. Instant Duplicate whereof is Enclosed.

We now Dispatch the Tryal and Calcutta Sloops with the remainder of the Salt Petre intended Your Honour &c^a. this Season, for the supply of the September Ships the Invoices of which, and of what other Stores are Laden on board them goes enclosed Amounting vizt. ꝑ Calcutta Sloop to Current R^s. 3152 & ꝑ Tryall Sloop to Current R^s. 3220. Also a Gene[ral] Invoice of the provisions Laden on the several Slo[ops] for the Supply of his Majestys squadron includ[ing] all that We have been able to procure here to be [supplied] in a Proper time.

In Ours of the 14th. Ultimo We advised Your Honour &c^a. that We should send You Our Resolution by the Sloops in regard to the Coinage of the Bullion expected this Season We are now to Request you will please to Coin the whole that may arrive into one fourth Madrass Rupees and three fourths Arcot Rupees.

We wish these Vessells Safe to Your Honour &c^a. and are.

Fort William
11th. March 1744/5.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Thomas Braddyll.
William Davis.
John Halsey.
William Brooke.
John Jackson.
Thomas Feake.

No. 69

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Honour &cas. Favour of the 16th. Instant with the Supply of 5000 Five thousand Pags. which turns out right.

Fort St. David
[22d.] April 1745.

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants

John Hinde
&ct. Council.

No. 70

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Last Night We received Your Honour &ca's. Favour of the 19th. Instant with the Supply of 5000 Five thousand Pagodas which turns out right.

Fort St. David
24th. April 1745.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

No. 71

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

My last to Your Honour &ct. was the 22d. Ultimo this is just to inclose Cash & Journal Parcels for last month Cloth on hand as undermentioned.

Ingeram
11th. April 1745.

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble [Servant]

Thomas Sau[nders].

Long Cloth	Ordinary	...	120 Corge.
	Fine	...	40
Salampores	Ordinary	...	15
	Fine	...	4
Izzarees	Super Fine	...	2
	Ordinary	...	2

N°. 72

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

This encloses Your Honour &c^t^., the Accounts of this place for last month, You will observe I have advanced the Bengal Tappy peons Eight Rupees, they Complained to me they had received no money from Ballasore for two months past, and that without Assistance they must leave their Stations. I must request Your Honour &c^t^. will send me a further Supply of Rupees so soon as Opportunity will permit.

Ganjam
12th. April 1745.

I am with the greatest esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & Most
Obliged humble Servant
John Andrews.

N°. 73

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council
[of] Fort S^t^. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 26th. Ultimo We Acknowledged the Receipt of your two last Favours and this Accompanys Our Diarys and Consultation Cash and Paymasters Accounts for last month.

Not being able to form any Judgment in December how Business might go on We then requested only ten thousand 10,000 Pagodas, but as the Cloth begins now to come in good We expect to provide a larger quantity than we did last Year therefore beg Your Honour &c^t^. will be pleased to supply us with Twenty thousand Pagodas more and to send us if possible ten thousand of it between this and the beginning of July.

The Cloth hereunder Specified is what we have now in the Godowns and at the Washers.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants

Vizagapatam
18th. April 1745.

Richard Prince.
Robert Goodere.
Foss Westcott.

Long Cloth Ordinary	...	...	...	15
Salampores Ordinary	...	...	...	83
Long Cloth Fine	...	...	...	2
		Bales	...	100

N°. 74

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since closing the Accompanying Packet We have received Your Honour &c^ts^. Favour of the 11th. Instant ₱ Ship Jaggerniacum inclosing Bill of Lading for 5000 Pagodas which We have this Day forwarded to Maddepollam.

As we shall very shortly be obliged to advance what Madrass Pagodas We have now by us We request Your Honour &c[t]. will supply us as soon as possible with the sum specified in our Letter of the 23[d]. December that the Merchants may not alledge the want of money as an Impediment to their Business.

We are with all imaginable Respect
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants

Vizagapatam
19th. April 1745.

Richard Prince.
Robert Goodere.
Foss Westcott.

N[o]. 75

To the Hon̄ble Nicholas Morse Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council
of Fort S[t]. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

The Supply of 5000 Five thousand Pagodas with Your Honour &c[a's]. Favour of the 22[d]. Inst[t]. we have received and it turns out right.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient humble servants

Fort S[t]. David
27th. April 1745.

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
John Graham.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

N[o]. 76

To the Hon̄ble Nicholas Morse Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council
of Fort S[t]. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honour &c[as]. Favour of the 25th. Instant with the supply of 5000 Five thousand Pagodas which turns out right.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort S[t]. David
30th. April 1745.

John Hinde
... ... &c[t]. Council.

N[o]. 77

To the Hon̄ble Nicholas Morse Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[t]. Council
of Fort S[t]. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

This waits upon Your Honour &c[a]. to advise that M[r]. John Graham departed this Life this Morning. As we hear of no Will and he is indebted to the Hon̄ble Company we have thought proper to Appoint Mess[rs]. Floyer & Holt to take an Inventory of his Effects and likewise an Account of the Cuddalore Customs, We are

Sorry to Observe that we have reason to fear there will be very little towards discharging his Bond to the Company we shall not proceed further in this Affair 'till we receive Your Honour &c[a's]. Commands and Are most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort S[t]. David
30th. April 1745.

John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

N°. 78

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esq[r].
President and Governour &c[r]. Council
of Fort S[t]. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received last night Your Letter of the 8th. together with the Five thousand (5000) Madrass Pagodas which you have been pleased to send Overland; The Batta on which shall be enter'd according to your Orders.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most humble servant

Madepollam
the 24th. April 1745.

John Hallyburton.

N°. 79

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[r]. Council
of Fort S[t]. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In ours of the 12th. Ult°. we express'd our Concern at the Cloth coming in so Slowly Since which we have taken every method we would possibly think of to remedy this inconveniency; On Andeapahs being applied to on whom our Chief dependance was he declared to the Deputy Governour he could not engage for more than one thousand 1000 Bales & gave him a list in Writing of the Sortments they would Consist of in which was no Chemanaickpollam Cloth he then desiring to be excused providing any of that Sortment but on application being made to other Merchants & our Sending for him before the Board Yesterday he has offered to provide 2000 Bales by the end of January Viz[t].

Long Cloth	Warriarpollam	400 Bales
Ditto	Sheally	250
Ditto	Fine	50
Ditto	Chemanaickp[m]. & Pattampaucum	1000
Half Pieces ...	... ...	200
Soot Romalls ...	... ...	100
	Bales ...	2000

We Represented to him that as Cotton was much cheaper than last Year & Grain very reasonable & no other buyers at the Cloth Towns but ourselves we hoped he would fall the Prizes of Goods but could not get any promise of that from him. As he had last Year Thirty thousand 30,000 Pagodas Generally in Advance he now expects more, On the other hand Narrain Chitty & Devenaig Chitty offer to provide & have entered in Written Contracts for that purpose thirteen hundred 1300 Bales Chemanaickpollam cloth at 47⅛ Brokerage included which is ½ Pagoda Cheaper than Andeapah & 800 Eight hundred Bales Salampores at 20¾ ℔ Corge Brokerage included

which is ¼ ℔ Corge Cheaper than last Year & if the Cloth falls with the Weavers to fall in proportion, to be of equal goodness with Andeapahs & they desire only Twenty Five thousand 25000 Pag^s^. advance for the Two thousand one hundred 2100 B^s^. & if they fall short in their engagement to the Company they offer after 2 or 3 months Tryal to pay in their full Ballance on thirty days Notice they further offer to have any one or more Joined with them that Your Honour &c^a^. or we shall think proper.

Narrain Chitty has been formerly in M^r^. Hubbards Time a Companys Merchant & According to the best information we can get Acquitted himself with Honesty to the Company He bears the Character of a Close Safe Man Andeapahs own refusal after being offer'd nay press'd to take the whole for these 2 months led us only to Apply to others tho we need not point out to Your Honour &c^t^. the inconveniency that may, in all probability must attend the Companys having their whole Investment in one Sett of Peoples hands & on the Contrary the great advantages that may arrise from Emulation & Competition especially at this Juncture when a large Tonage is Expected & we have reason to fear the Gentlemen at Bengall will fall short in their Investment, We thought it our indispens^le^. Duty to lay these proposals before your Honour &c^t^. & whatever appears to you to be most for our Honourable Masters Interest we shall proceed upon with the utmost alacrity as that is the only Point we have in View for which reason if any other method of dividing the Investment shall occur to your Honour &c^t^. you'll please to favour us with it for it is that we are aiming at & not the manner of doing it or the Persons with whom it is done & we are pretty Certain let which ever of these proposalls be Acceptable to your Honour &c^t^. it will have the good Effect to lower the Cloth to reasonable prizes, under that we shall never Attempt to bring them for we would always have it a credit & Conveniency to serve the Company & we are very well Assured that that the present sett of Merch^ts^. find it both, & would be very loath to part with it whatever they may insinuate to the Contrary.

We have advice by a Dutch Sloop from Collumbo that they see 5 large English Ships of Warr Cruizing between that place & Point de Gall & that two of them had put into the latter Place for Wood & Watter we take them for Granted to be his Majesties Squadron under the Command of Commodore Barnet, & Another Ships under their Convoy or a Prize.

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. humble servants
John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.

Fort S^t^. David
3^D^. May 1745

List of Cloth on Hand

Old Investm^t^. Embaled	...	317 Bales.
At the Washers	...	205½
Beaters	...	47
Dyers ...	...	26½
Embaled	...	125
Bales	...	721

N°. 80

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President and Governour &c^r^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 4th. of February we received Your Favour of the 2^d^. of January inclosing one from the Secret Comittee as we did that of the 9th. on the 15th. & return Your Honour &c^t^. our best thanks for those advices all that was necessary of them we have transmitted to the Honble Company by the way of Persia.

The Three Ships sent from Bengall to this Coast to Load Home with Pepper have been duly dispatched to Great Brittain the Prince William was the last which with the Montague left Anjengo the 23d. of February.

By private advices we perceive You have been informed of the arrival of Ships Fort St. George and Elizabeth on this Coast, the former we daily expect from Gombroon, The latter did not import here till the 24th. Ulto. and now proceeds to Tellicherry with 80 Tons of Salt Petre & 15 of Red Wood to take in a Loading of Pepper where the Commander will receive his final Dispatches for Great Brittain, but how he intends to proceed after he leaves Tellicherry we do not know.

All the ships that we have heard were intended to Surat from Your Coast & the Bay were Arrival there before the 12th. Instant as did the Mocha Merchant Capt. Peiarce the 14th.

This we Send by the Mermaid Brigantine Captain Thomas Samson for the Service of Your Presidency which is built very near the Measurage you were pleased to direct, we hope she will in all respects Answer the purposes she was intended for and the Captain is a very Active and experienced Mariner.

Inclosed is List of her Stores, & Account Impress; by the latter you will perceive we have not fixed the Captains & his Mates Pay, leaving that to Your Honr. &ct.

The other Vessel you were pleased to order is upon the Stocks, and will be Dispatched hence in August when we shall send you the Cost of them both.

What Gunners Stores we can possibly Spare we have laden on board her Amounting to Rups. 2591.2.88 as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed for which we shall debt your Presidency.

If Capt. Acton brings any material Europe Advices from Gombroon we shall transmit them by Pattamar.

Since writing the above Capt. Pinnill has declared he cannot proceed till the Opening of the fair Season for which we have protested against him.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants

Bombay Castle
23d. April 1745.

William Wake.
Charles Whitehill.
George Dudley.
Hugh Howard.
John Munro.

To the Honble Thomas Braddyll Esqr

President and Governour &ct. Council

of Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

As we are now leaving our Pilot think myself Obliged to Acquaint Your Honour &ct. of an Accident that hapned to us in going on the Long Sand Where we lay from half Ebb, but By the Assistance of a Dutch Sloop Messrs. Ranson, Beaman & Comins got off at high Water with Little or no dammage except the Loss of our small bower Anchor, and Pinace which filled half full of Water with the Strength Eddy or Tide, broke a Drift in the Night with one man in her.

I cannot impute it to want of knowledge in the Pilot, but being deceived by the Sloop Mr. Comins was in and the Sloop that Tended us out, they both being aback of the Long Sand & Waving Six Fatham in which Depth we was (by which the Pilot

might reasonably Think them to the Westward of the Sand) but the Tide Horsed us on before We could put about I dont find we make any Water having nothing farther To Add, Am with the Greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble servant
EDWARD JACOBE.

SHIP PRINCESS AUGUSTA
20TH. FEBRUARY 1744/5.

N°. 81

TO THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CT.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received Your Honour &cas. Favour of the 7th. Instant with the Supply of 5000 Five thousand Pagodas which turn out Right.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient humble Servants
JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE. *Junr.*

FORT ST. DAVID
12TH. MAY 1745.

N°. 82

TO THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 9th. Came to hand the 11th. which we took into our Serious Consideration, Yesterday Morning, and on Andeapahs not only riseing in the Number of Bales, but agreeing to fall in the Prizes of Cloth, we came to a resolution of Contracting with him as last Year, for all the Sortments of Goods, Excepting the Sallampores which we Continue with Narrain Chitty, and Irshapah Chitty. The Terms of our . . . [*The rest of the letter is lost.*]

[Letters Nos. 83—183 and a portion of No. 184 are lost].

LIST OF STATIONARY WARE REQUIRED AT FORT ST. DAVID.

Royal Paper	50 Quires
Medium Do.	60 Do.
Demy	160 do.
Post	40 do.
Blue	4 do.
Penknives	18
Rulers	12
Sand Boxes	12
Sealing Wax	6 lb
Seyzars	4 pr.
Ink Glasses	36
Ink Powder	12 Papers.

FORT ST. DAVID
14TH. DECEMBER 1745.

THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*
Secry.

LIST OF STORES WANTING AT FORT S^T. DAVID.

Iron Flat Barr		5 Candy
Iron Square Barr		10 Candy
Rod Iron large		10 Maund
Padlocks common sort	12	
D°. A	12	
D°. B	12	
	—	36
Iron Locks Small		10
Splinter Locks		12
Stock Locks A		12
Escrutore Locks		24
Files		24
Tar		6 Barrels.
Tin Lanterns		12
Lantern Horns		100
Europe Cordage 2 Coil of 4 Inches		
D°. 2 d°. of 3½ d°.		
Shroud Hawser 1 d°. of 6 d°.		
D°. 1 d°. of 7 d°.		
Pump Leather		2 Hides.
Tin Primers		200
Cartridge Paper		500 Quire.
Buff Belts		3 or 4 Dozon

FORT S^T. DAVID 14TH. DECEMBER 1745.

ALEXANDER WYNCH
Storekeeper.

N° 185.

TO THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR, &C^T.

COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our of the 20th. August we have received Your Honour's &c^a. Several Favours of the 11th. of July 3^d. & 23^d. August last.

By a Small Vessell from Gombroon we have lately received from the Gentlemen there the inclosed Order from Nadir Shaw for sending Sultan David to Persia, and by a Copy of several peragraphs of their Letter of the 24th. August Your Honour &c^a. will be pleased to be referr'd for their Sentiments of it. We wish it may be of service towards recovering the Money, but we are so dubious of it, as we shall give our Orders to our Resident at Spahaun to recover the Amount with Interest of the Drawer.

Inclosed is a Bill of Exchange received the 1st. Instant from Gombroon drawn by Paron^s. Arrotoon and Leon of Julpha on Coja Moket of Your place for three thousand 3000 Rupees pay[able] to Your Honour &c^a. which we hope will be duely complied with, when please to credit this Presidency for that sum.

On the 29th. August last imported our Honble Masters Ship the Walpole directly from Great Britain and on the 12th. Ultimo the Essex, not being able to reach Aden=Head, which Ships bring no later Advices than you received by the Dolphin. The 16th. Instant the Fort S^t. George and Elizabeth Sailed clear of

this Port for Tellicherry with the Walpole in their Company as far as that Port, where the two former are to fill up and are from thence to be dispatch'd for Great Britain.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
22D. OCTOBER 1745.

WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE DUDLEY.

HUGH HOWARD.
JOHN MUNRO.

COPY OF SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS OF THE AGENT & COUNCIL AT GOMBROON THEIR LETTER OF THE 24TH. AUGUST 1745 TO THE HONBLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF BOMBAY VIZT.

Enclosed (under N°. 1) comes Second Copys of the Bills we sent Your Honour &ca. by the Fort St. George, what we said in our Address thereon under the 25th. Febry. was what was wrote us from Spahaun, but finding the money could not be recovered from the Drawers without much Trouble & Application to the Government, which would have been attended with Expences, Mr. Peirson chose making a Tryall of fresh Bills with Interest & a power from the Drawers to recover the Amount by Law, which as the Drawer is not only Wife to David Sultan, but likewise Heiress to the large Effects in his hands, we hope the Honble President & Council will oblige him to make them good, but should the Bills be returned Again, we shall give such Directions as to enter into rigorous methods with the Family as are generally used in this Country for obtaining full satisfaction.

We have lately received an order from his Majesty for bringing the Said David Sultan with his Effects into Persia, which was procured by some Armenians on a petition they made that he lived under the English protection, by which means they could not come at him to pay his just Debts, Enclosed we send Your Honour &ca. the Original Order, but as we know the procurers of it, & the Validity of such Orders which are of very little Signification, there will be no Occasion to take any further Notice of it, unless use may be made of it in regard to his paying the Bills drawn on him by his Family.

The Difficulty of sending any large sum of Money out of Spahaun by it's being prohibited, & we having only Authority by an old Rogom which is now of little use, to send out but three thousand (3000) Tomands Annually has obliged Mr. Peirson to remit by Bills, & enclosed (under Nos. 2. 3. 4) comes three Bills for Eleven thousand (11,000) Rupees, two of which are on Surat for Eight thousand (8,000) & the other on Madrass for three thousand (3,000) Rupees, which he has taken Security for in case of Failure in payment.

A true Copy
THOMAS HODGES,
Secry.

EXD. R. P. F.

TRANSLATE OF A PETITION PREFERRED TO THE KING OF PERSIA BY TAMBAR, SISTER TO COJA NAZAR DECEASED.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

THE PETITION OF TAMBAR A POOR WOMAN & NATIVE OF JOOLAHAR UNDER ISPAHAN.

Most humbly Sheweth

It is about three or four Years Since Nazar Your Petitioners Brother Departed this life in Chinapatam One Sultan, a Native of Zulpha under Ispahan, (where his

Familly reside) took possession of his Estate consisting of a Considerable Sum of money & Effects, carries on Trade with it and sends his Wife (who is Sister to Your Petitioner) what money she wants for her Expences every Year, and do not gives Even a Deniar, to Your Petitioner, As the Said Nazar deceased having left no other heirs than Your Petitioner & her Sister (the Wife of Sultan beforesaid) all his Estate should be Equally Devided between Your Petitioner and her said Sister According to Account. Your Petitioner therefore Most Submissively Prays Your Most Excellent Majesty will be graciously pleased to lay Your Royal Commands on the English Chief to send one from him to the Agent in Bunder Abassy with an Advice of this Affair & Order him to write to Chinapatam in the Kingdom of Indostan to Seize the said Sultan with all the Estate & Effects beforementioned without suffering him to have the least Intelligence of this Affair beforehand and send him up, with all the Estate & Accounts of Nazar Your Petitioners Deceased Brother, before the Superiour Judge of Ispahan, that your Petitioner may be restored to her right & all those, who have any Demands upon the said Estate may also have satisfaction and that he may be left in Joolahar, (of which he is a Native) under Ispahan to live & Behave himself as one of the Inhabitants there, This will bind Your Petitioner to pray for Your Majestys health &c[t].

TRANSLATE OF THE KINGS ORDER WRITE ON THE TOP OF THE SAID PETITION.

TO THE PERSON, PRINCIPAL & REMARKABLE AMONG THOSE OF THE RELIGION OF MESSIAH THE ENGLISH CHIEF, UNDER OUR SIRCAR.

Be [it] known to you that the undermention'd is the Petition of a poor Woman and you are hereby Ordered to Send one to Chinapatam, According to her prayer, and don't suffer that Man, of whom she complains to have the least Intelligence of this Business before hand but see & get him Seized with all the Estate and dispatched to Ispahan, that he may come & Satisfie the Petitioner in her Demand, retire to his own Country and Behave as one of the Inhabitants there. Observe this as Your Duty, Dated Moon Rabeelavaval in the Year of Mohamet 1158 which is April 1745.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MADRASS, BOMBAY THE 22[D]. OCT[R]. 1745.

N°. 1. General Letter of the above Date.
2. A Bill of Exchange drawn by Paron[s]. Arratoon & Leon of Julpha on Coja Mokel at Madrass R[s]. 3000.
3. Nader Shaws Order for sending Sultan David to Persia.
4. Second Copies of Sundry Bills &c[t]. Papers concerning Sultan Davids Affair Viz[t].
   Copy of Nanam's Letter of Attorney empowering the Recovery of the Bills given in behalf of the Hon̄ble Company.
   Copy of a Will.
   Bill of Exchange for Tomands 300 (which when paid at Madrass to be made good here) at Eleven days sight.
   Bill of Exchange drawn by Nanam for Rupees 17440 pay[a]. to the Gov[r]. & Council at Madrass 11 days sight.
   Bill of Exchange for Rupees 7070¼ payable to the Governour & Council, & drawn by Nanam at 11 days sight.

N°. 5. Copy of several Paragraphs of the Agent & Council at Gombroon their Letter of the 24th. August 1745, to the President and Council of Bombay.

THOMAS HODGES.
Sec[ry].

N°. 186

To the Hon~ble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

This is to Acknowledge receipt [of] Your Honours &c^t. favour of the 4th. Ultimo accompany^g. Two thousand Pagodas.

I am

Ingeram
1st. December 1745.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obed^t. humble servant
Thomas Saunders

N°. 187

To the Honble Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

This Accompanys the Maddapollam Books ending April 1745 and enclosed are the Accounts for last Month together with an Abstract of the Expences last Year compared with those of the proceeding.

I shall send up the Timbers on Gentue Vessells provided the Fouzdar of Narsapore will permit me to do so without paying Juncan (which he has demanded on them) I am with great respect.

Maddapollam
10th. December 1745.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^t. & most hum^ble. serv^t.
John Hallyburton.

N°. 188

To the Honourable Nicholas Morse Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t.
Council of Fort S^t. George

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

I have now been above four Years in this Place which is become very tiresome to me from the many different Governments and other unfortunate Circumstances that surround it, and humbly beg Your Permission to leave it and return to Madrass in January, as also that you will be pleased to give me your further Orders (in case my Request is granted) concerning the Affairs of the Factory.

As I have been often obliged for the furtherance of the Hoñble Company's Business to follow the Camps of Great Men in hot Land Winds for serveral Days and found it very inconvenient living in a Pallankean I made a Tent; much the same reason induced me to buy Eleven small Guns for saluting; and as we have no Mussoolas or anything capable of Passing the Barr on any Necessity I built a Barr Boat with a Deck capable of carrying Seventy Bales and of being Row'd with Oars; which three Articles I beg leave to enter on the Books as they cost me, and hope You will think this no unreasonable request.

MADDAPOLLAM
10TH. DECEMBER 1745.

I am with great Respect
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed[t]. & most humble servant
JOHN HALLYBURTON.

N°. 189

TO THE HOÑBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[T].
COUNCILL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received Your Honour &c[as]. Favour of the 14th Instant Accompanying a supply of Five Thousand 5,000 Pagodas which Turn out out Right. We are with Respect

FORT S[T]. DAVID
20TH. DECEMBER 1745.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most obed[t]. humble servants
JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 190

TO THE HOÑBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[T]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote Your Honour &c[t] last under the 22[d]. Ultimo, a Duplicate whereof is inclosed; and on the 18th. Instant received ℔ Pattamar Duplicate of your favour of the 7th. October and Original of 17th. of the Same month with the Packett enclosed for our Honble Masters, which, agreeable to Your recommendation, shall be forwarded in a few days to Bussorah.

Perceiving by your advices the apprehensions you were under of being streightned for[money] to carry on the Company's Business, We wish their Orders would permit us to remit your Hon[r]. &c[a] our surplus Treasure By Bill more especially as at this time the Exchange is favourable. But as their Commands are so express as we cannot deviate from them We can only Acquaint Your Honour &c[t] that if drawing upon us or Surat will any way Answer Your Purpose we can Spare You to the Amount of Rupees 400,000. What Bills You give payable here may be drawn at Sight; But provided you draw on the Chief and Factors at Surat for more than Rupees 100,000

the Gentlemen will be at a Loss to discharge Your Draughts, unless Your Honour &c^a^. can give us Notice about a Month before such Bills will become due, that we may Supply that Factory Accordingly; And be pleased to let Your Bills Specify New Bombay Rup^s^. or Surat Rupees.

BOMBAY CASTLE.
21st. NOVEMBER 1745.

We are
HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.

THOMAS MARSH.
HUGH HOWARD.
JOHN MUNRO.

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N°. 192

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^T^.
COUNCIL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

We Embrace the Opportunity ℘ our Honourable Masters Ship Royall Guardian to pay our Respects and at the same time to Acquaint of the Death of Governour Lambert who Died the 20th Day of July last and is succeeded by George Gabriel Powell Esqr. in Turn Untill our Masters further Pleasure is known.

The ships that have arrived with us this Year are as follows—

The Tygris	Arrived 29th.	March.
His Majestys Ship Liverpool	13	April.
The Royall Guardian	17	D°.
A Dane Ship from China	22^d^.	D°.
The Defence	30	D°.
The Walpole	1st	May.
Marlbrough	6.	D°.
Lynn, Augusta, Houghton Wilmington, Princess Mary, Onslow.	7th	D°.

We thank you for our late several supploys and Request you will be pleased to send us for the use of the Ensuing Year as follows Viz^t^

600 p^s^. Ordinary Cotton House for Soldiers
600 Ordinary Long Cloth shirts for soldiers
100 p^s^. Narrow Coarse Muslin
12 Maunds Wax Candles
The rest of the on ℘ Cent in Sugar & Rice and Battavia Arrack.

We very heartily wish all Successs to Our Honble Masters Concerns under Your Direction. And are with Regard

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your Most obedient humble servants

S^T^. HELENA
10TH. MAY 1743.

GEORGE GABRIEL POWELL.
JOHN GODFRY.
ROBERT WRIGHT.

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